

March 21, 2024

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chairwoman
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chairwoman
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
U.S. House Committee on Appropriations
Washington DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Murray, Vice Chair Collins, Chairwoman Granger, Ranking Member DeLauro:

The undersigned organizations applaud you for holding funding for the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) flat in the recently announced bipartisan funding agreement for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. Specifically, the agreement provides \$299.2 million for the NLRB, a level equal to funding enacted in FY 2023, and \$77 million below President Biden's request.

By rejecting calls to increase the NLRB's budget by as much as 25%, the agreement recognizes the strains the current NLRB is placing on small businesses across the country through its aggressive regulatory and enforcement agenda. For example, in October 2023, the NLRB issued a Joint-Employer rule that would expose many sectors of the economy to frivolous litigation and job losses, which fortunately has been stopped in court. The Board is also attempting to eliminate secret ballot union representation elections, allows unfair "ambush" elections in the workplace, and eliminate the free speech rights of employers. Any increase in the NLRB's budget would provide a windfall for the Board to continue these deeply misguided efforts to target employers, specifically small businesses.

Again, we applaud you for maintaining flat funding for the NLRB in the funding agreement for the remainder of FY 2024. This agreement ensures that the NLRB does not receive additional taxpayer funding to target employers with unfair, harmful, and likely illegal policies that will harm our economy.

Sincerely,

American Hotel and Lodging Association
Independent Electrical Contractors
International Foodservice Distributors Association
International Franchise Association
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Restaurant Association
National Retail Federation
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council