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Via Facsimile

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
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Re: Confirmation of Craig Becker as a Member of the NLRB

Dear Senator Reid and Senator McConnell:

As teachers and scholars of labor law, we write to express our strong support for the confirmation of Craig Becker to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. We believe firmly that, if confirmed, Mr. Becker will prove to be one of the most respected Board Members in the history of the NLRB.

Mr. Becker possesses unparalleled qualifications to be a Member of the Board. He has practiced labor law for many years and also taught and written extensively about labor law and related subjects. Mr. Becker has had an enormous range of practical experience in the field of labor law, having represented a broad range of unions in the public and the private sector as well as many individual workers, both union members and nonmembers. He has argued cases in virtually every United States Court of Appeals and in the United States Supreme Court, many of them among the most important labor law cases of the last several decades. He has also taught labor law at several of our nation's finest law schools, including the University of Chicago, Georgetown and UCLA. His scholarship reflects a great respect for and deep knowledge of the law and weighs and considers all arguments in a fair and honest manner. His articles are widely cited, regularly used in law school classes, and admired by labor law scholars across the political spectrum.

Despite Mr. Becker's obvious qualifications to be a Member of the NLRB, his opponents have made a series of misleading and inaccurate statements about him and, in particular, about

his published work. We urge anyone considering Mr. Becker's nomination not to rely on sound bites, fragments taken out of context, and misquotations, but to actually read Mr. Becker's scholarly writing.

Those of us who know Mr. Becker personally as well as those of us who have read his work and are familiar with his professional reputation can attest to his integrity, fairness, and dedication to advancing Congress' purposes in adopting federal labor law and to the role of the NLRB. Without qualification we urge prompt confirmation of Mr. Becker to be a member of the NLRB.

Sincerely,



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