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**[TO SEN. MIKE BRUBAKER AND SEN. LLOYD SMUCKER]**

The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry, representing over half of the County's workforce, encourages you to support and co-sponsor a resolution soon to be introduced by Sen. Mike Folmer. The resolution calls upon the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to oppose the Employee Free Choice Act, otherwise known as "Card Check." An identical resolution, HR 73, has been introduced in the state House by Rep. Curt Schroder. We are pleased to report that Lancaster County's entire House Republican delegation is a co-sponsor of HR 73.

Because Card Check represents the most significant and threatening legislative initiative to business in decades, this issue remains a top priority for The Chamber. In fact, our Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution (enclosed) in strong opposition to Card Check, which is expected to be re-introduced and voted on in the U.S. House of Representatives soon. We continue to partner with chambers and associations across the state and nation to communicate a unified message of opposition. We also are providing tools for our membership to contact their elected officials and urge a "no" vote.

Simply put, Card Check would eliminate the private ballot, taking away the fundamental right of an employee to vote in private during union organizing elections. What's worse, the proposed legislation establishes no thresholds, meaning any business, regardless of size, would be subject to the bill; not to mention other unfair provisions imposed on business, such as binding arbitration and harsh penalties.

As an elected official, you know the importance of ensuring citizens are free to vote their conscience in the privacy of the voting booth. Please consider signing on as a co-sponsor of Sen. Folmer's resolution so we can ensure business and employee rights are protected.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. Should you have any questions, please call me anytime at (717) 397-3531.

Sincerely,

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President  
The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry

cc: Sen. Mike Folmer; PA Chamber; US Chamber  
Encl: Board Position Statement 1208-02  
Letter to PA congressional delegation & senators