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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

I am writing on behalf of the members of the International Franchise Association to urge you not to cosponsor the Employee Free Choice Act during the 110th Congress. Despite its misleading title, the proposed measure is a radical change from more than sixty years of established labor law, and it deserves very careful consideration prior to any action in Congress. Therefore, **the IFA may consider cosponsorship of this measure among our list of "Key Votes" during 2007 and 2008.**

As the largest and oldest franchising trade group, the IFA's mission is to safeguard the business environment for franchising worldwide. The organization represents over 1,100 franchisor, 8,000 franchisee and 400 supplier members nationwide. America's more than 767,000 franchised businesses generate jobs for more than 18 million workers (nearly 14 percent of the nation's private-sector employment) and account for \$1.53 trillion in economic activity (9.5 percent of the private-sector economic output).

Again, **the IFA urges you to oppose the so-called Employee Free Choice Act, and we may consider cosponsorship along with votes on this measure among our annual list of "Key Votes."**

Sincerely,

David French
Vice President, Government Relations