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The Honorable Tom Harkin, Chairman
Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lamar Alexander, Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Harkin and Ranking Member Alexander:

As management lawyers representing employers and union lawyers representing unions and employees, we are writing to urge swift confirmation of the full package of five members of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB): Mark Pearce, Philip Miscimarra, Richard Griffin, Harry Johnson III, and Sharon Block.

This is a highly-experienced group of nominees. Each of the nominated individuals brings decades of experience under the National Labor Relations Act and our labor-management system.

While we differ in our views over the decisions and actions of the NLRB over the years, we do agree that our clients' interests are best served by the stability and certainty that a full, confirmed Board will bring to the field of labor-management relations. The last several years have been tumultuous, and the recent decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit in Noel Canning has thrown greater uncertainty into our labor-management system.

We urge the Senate to confirm the full bipartisan package of nominees to the NLRB without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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