



IBEW Local 21



Tell President Obama: Fill the NLRB Vacancies Now!

Greetings,



February 18, 2010

President Obama must act immediately

to restore the ability of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to protect the rights of American workers by giving recess appointments to two nominees who are being blocked by Senate obstructionists, said AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka.

The NLRB's job is to protect workers' rights—but for more than two years, it has been functioning with only two members instead of the five it should have. Working people need an NLRB that can enforce the National Labor Relations Act—not one hobbled by vacancies.

Current NLRB chair, Wilma Liebman, has expressed concern about the board's ability to function. "The board has been in limbo for a long time...unable to move forward on the most significant cases before it," she said.

The Senate entered its President's Day recess without confirming President Obama's nominees to the National Labor Relations Board. Nominees Craig Becker and Mark Pearce need to be confirmed as soon as possible.

The constitution allows a President to make an appointment to a position when the Senate is on a recess, or break. The individual can then serve in that position until the end of the next session of Congress, which is usually at the end of the next calendar year.

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What's At Stake:

The voices of hardworking working people being heard at the NLRB. We must act now so our voices can be heard.

Campaign Expiration Date:

June 30, 2010

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Every president dating back to Jimmy Carter has made recess appointments to the NLRB. President George W. Bush made his first recess appointment seven months after taking office, on August 31, 2001 and less than a year into his term, President Bush made two recess appointments to the NLRB. Ronald Reagan made 243 recess appointments. George H.W. Bush made 77 recess appointments. Bill Clinton made 140 recess appointments. George W. Bush made 171 recess appointments.

President Obama should act now to break the gridlock in Washington. The President must use his Constitutional ability to make recess appointments this week to end further delay on important issues.

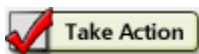
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Saying, "Enough is enough," Trumka is urging working people to call the White House switchboard at 202-456-1111 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414 202-456-1414 and demand that President Obama use his executive power to appoint Craig Becker and Mark Pearce to the NLRB during the Presidents Day recess.

We also ask that you to send an email to the President. Send him your email now by clicking on the [take action banners](#) in this message or by clicking [here](#).

After you make your call please contact IBEW Local 21 COPE Director Rosetta Shinn with the results of your call. She can be contacted at 630-960-4466 630-960-4466 ext.327.

Solidarity!



Send a letter to the following decision maker(s):
President Barack Obama

Below is the sample letter:

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Subject: National Labor Relations Board Vacancies

Dear [decision maker name automatically inserted here],

I was disappointed to learn that the appointments of Craig Becker and Mark Pearce to the National Labor Relations Board are delayed.

America's working families have been waiting two years for the NLRB's vacancies to be filled so the work of this important agency in defending workers' rights isn't crippled.

I strongly urge you to appoint Mr. Becker and Mr. Pearce to the NLRB during the Presidents' Day recess. They have received broad support in the Senate, and workers need their voices in Washington immediately.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]



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