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Murphy supports outsourcing of Bucks County jobs

NEWTOWN, PA – Patrick Murphy has been a staunch supporter of the labor union bosses’ dream piece of legislation, the Employee Free Choice Act. Last week at a union rally Murphy wrongly posited that passage of the card check bill which would also mandate binding arbitration between private companies and their employees would help “working families.”

Clearly this bill will “help” union bosses in their attempts to recoup lost union dues to their coffers as less and less Americans choose to join their ranks. It seems Murphy does not realize the potential disastrous impact the binding arbitration aspect of the bill would have on small businesses right in his own district in Bucks County.

EFCA would replace good faith negotiating between private businesses and their workforce with mandatory binding arbitration if a resolution is not made between the company and the union in as short as 120 days. An unelected government arbitrator who perhaps has no background in the specific profession or trade of the workforce would then decide on the terms of the labor contract and that decision would be binding for two years. This does not only apply to wages and benefits, but even how managers will be able to manage and discipline difficult employees. In fact the government will decide exactly how each and every employee is to be paid, compensated and disciplined in an unprecedented expansion of government power and interference with the free market and workplace.

Susan Staub, President of Pennsylvanians for Right to Work, stated “The passage of this bill will certainly lead to fewer entrepreneurs deciding to start companies in the United States and certainly will lead companies to leave places like Bucks County for locations overseas and abroad. Why Patrick Murphy would want to pass legislation that will harm private businesses, the kind of businesses where most of his constituents work is beyond me? We will certainly see the migration of many jobs out of Southeastern Pennsylvania because of this.”

Bucks County small business owner Don Petrille commented “A complicated collective bargaining agreement will create pay scales for my employees which may be unmanageable. Some employees would be pigeonholed into pay rates which are inappropriate for their skill set. Some of our work may have to be outsourced. Everyone in our company wears many hats, and we work to accomplish our client’s needs. I don’t want to have to consult a labor attorney if I need to assign an employee a new task in order to accomplish a goal.” Petrille also added with regard to the failure to protect the secret ballot that he “would hope that Congressman Murphy would join former United States Senator, Democratic Presidential candidate and liberal icon George McGovern in protecting each American’s fundamental right and liberty to vote via secret ballot election.”

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