

# Minnesota Business Leaders

*A coalition powered by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce along with chambers, associations, and businesses to save the secret ballot.*



**Update: Week of July 6**

**MBL Coalition Members are taking action TODAY to stop this misnamed and misguided legislation**

The coalition of business organizations is your go to source for EFCA information and updates. Sign up today if you would like to join the fight to save the secret ballot!

Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber  
Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber  
Apple Valley Chamber  
Austin Area Chamber  
Brainerd Lakes Chamber  
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Chamber of Commerce of Fargo

## Minnesota's Newest Senator: Welcome Senator Franken

Eight months of ballot counting and recounting, canvassing and county boards, elections and election challenges have come to an end.

On July 7th, the state of Minnesota officially joined the rest of the 50 states as fully represented in the United States Senate as Al Franken was sworn in by Vice President Joe Biden.

Senator Franken takes the reigns of a seat held by Senator Norm Coleman's very capable hands. Throughout his six years in office, and previously as the Mayor of Saint Paul, Coleman was a strong voice for Minnesotans in Washington. He recognized the critical role that business plays in providing jobs and the quality of life we enjoy. The Minnesota Business Leaders Coalition would like to thank Sen. Coleman for

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 Minnesota Chamber  
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 Contractors  
 MN Automobile Dealers Association  
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his service and wishes him good fortune in all of his future endeavors.

As the Minnesota's second Senator, the business community is eager to work with Senator Franken on a wide range of issues. In tough economic times, businesses can find themselves struggling just to survive. It is imperative that government help their situation and avoid actions that may hurt an economic recovery.

Unfortunately, Senator Franken has taken an anti-business position by co-sponsoring EFCA as his first official act as the State's new Senator. We hope that Senator Franken will reconsider his position when the time comes to vote on the measure.

**Accordingly, the Senator needs to hear from his constituents on this important matter.**

**Please be sure to visit the MBL coalition website at [www.mnbusinessleaders.com](http://www.mnbusinessleaders.com) to make your voice heard in opposition to EFCA. Just go to the site and click on Take Action Now to contact Senator Franken's office TODAY!**

## Card Check in the News

*National Journal* - Franken co-sponsors EFCA on first day, "As of about a half an hour ago, I became the co-sponsor of my first piece of legislation in the Senate," Franken told a gathering at the AFL-CIO headquarters this evening. 'And it's something called the Employee Free Choice Act.'": <http://bit.ly/hGKpx>

*Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*- Must Read, Glenn Spencer op-ed, "Stay tuned for Card Check 'lite'": <http://bit.ly/EhpLH>

*Washington Post*- Sec. Solis on EFCA, "I don't think that it takes away power from businesses.": <http://bit.ly/14YTgI>

Chamber  
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### **MBL Resource Website**

**Have you visited the coalition's new website yet?**

<http://www.mnbusinessleaders.com/> is your information source for all things card check. The site has all of the EFCA resources and information you and your members will need. Powered by the U.S. Chamber, you will find links to the Chamber's card check Toolkit, EFCA facts and figures, and all of the latest news on the legislation.

### **America's Leading Newspapers Weigh In**

The editorial boards of some of the nation's leading newspapers, such as The Wall Street Journal, the L.A. Times, and The Washington Post, took a look at the Card Check bill. They concluded decisively that the legislation effectively eliminates private ballots. See the link below and read for yourself.

» [Read the editorials](#)

### **Minnesota Business Leaders: Your Go-To Resource**

Click [here](#) for a list of the coalition's contacts.

## **Time For Congress to Check Out on the Employee Free Choice Act**

If an organization was winning 67% of elections and added more than 400,000 members in just one year, you wouldn't think they needed a new law to give them a leg up.

Yet this is exactly what Congress is considering giving organized labor. In fact, a proposed new law would give union organizers a free pass to infiltrate workplaces and organize even the smallest employees.

(If you wish to run this column in your newsletter or distribute, please contact Dan Nelson at [dnelson@uschamber.com](mailto:dnelson@uschamber.com).)

Read the full article [here](#).

## **Have you joined the Virtual March Against Card Check yet?**



<http://secretballot.voteforbusiness.net/>

## **MBL E-Newsletter Summer Schedule**

Over the course of the summer months, the Minnesota Business Leaders e-newsletter will run every other week. Be sure to watch your email twice a month now for the latest Card Check updates and news! If there are any breaking EFCA developments, we will be in

: touch right away.

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