

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
May 25**

**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

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.

Conference Registration Discount from the U.S. Chamber

EFCA/Card Check legislation has been a top concern of small business owners from across the nation and a priority issue for the U.S. Chamber in 2009. **To show our appreciation to those helping to fight against this misguided legislation, we are offering a \$25 registration discount**

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 MN Restaurant Association
 MN Trucking Association
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to chambers of commerce to attend the 2009 Government Affairs Conference. All you have to do is submit your most recent letter to the editor, letter to their Member of Congress or Chamber policy statement on the issue. This discount will run until **6.1.09**, the end of the Congressional Memorial Day Recess.

If you would like to take advantage of the discount, please send a copy of your card check letter, op-ed, or letter to the editor to Carolyn Melton at cmelton@uschamber.com. You can also fax your letter to Carolyn at 972.404.9130.

If you have not sent a letter to your Member of Congress to date, please use our Card Check Toolkit, which can be found at http://www.uschamber.com/chambers/efca_gr_toolkit.

Once Carolyn confirms receipt of your letter, she will send you a discount code that you can use to register for the conference. Be sure to visit <http://www.uschamber.com/rgac> to learn more about the conference agendas, scholarships and registration.

Outreach Updates

Business organizations from across the state continue to be on the offensive...

[Albert Lea-Freeborn County Chamber EFCA Resolution](#)
 (sent to all members of the Minnesota delegation)

[Winona Area Chamber Issue Update](#)
 (sent to all chamber members this week and included in the chamber's newsletter, which is inserted into the *Winona Daily News*)

Updated Photo: Members of MBL Coalition Meet with Rep. Walz (MN-1) During Trip to DC

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 Commerce
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 Chamber
 Winona Area Chamber
 Worthington Area Chamber

Card Check in the News

Labor's Card-Check Ruse

Compromise for the sake of compromise often leads to bad public policy, and efforts to reach a compromise on the union "card check" bill fall into this category.

[Read the entire article.](#)

Communicate with Your Members!

Many organizations are using the MBL e-newsletter as a regular communications tool by forwarding it on to their interested members. We encourage you to do the same!



EFCA Claims

The Truth Behind Claims Made by Proponents of the Employee Free Choice Act...

We conclude this week with featuring a few common claims on card check and the real facts behind them. As previously mentioned, these items are great pieces of information to pass on to your members. See the entire list [here](#).

Claim #7: One-third of unions fail to reach a contract within two years

Facts: Even if true, that means that two-thirds do reach a contract. And the National Labor Relations Act has always recognized that a union and an employer may, in fact, not be able to agree. A contract is the desired outcome, but as the Supreme Court has reaffirmed, it is not a guaranteed outcome. There are any number of reasons why the two sides may not reach a deal. But the binding arbitration provisions of EFCA completely undermine free collective bargaining; could force both sides to accept a lousy contract handed down by government arbitrators; and would strip workers of the ability to vote on the terms and conditions of their own employment.

Claim #8: Nothing in the bill would require the workers to join a union

Facts: While some have suggested that those in right to work states will not be significantly affected by EFCA, nothing could

3,100 Sign Letter

Approximately 3,100 companies signed the U.S. Chamber's company letter opposing the Employee Free Choice Act. To view the letter and the full list of businesses, click [here](#).

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

be further from the truth. Workers in right to work states are just as likely as those in other states to find themselves suddenly unionized as the result of a secret card check campaign. Even though workers in right to work states do have the right to refuse to pay union dues, if the workplace is organized, they must give up their right to deal directly with their employer. Likewise, employers will be forced to accept arbitration agreements that may impose conditions inconsistent with established business models and impede the ability to compete.

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