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Dear Congressman:

**I wish to bring to your a bill that would take away the secret ballot in union organization for thousands of workers in your district.**

Sponsored by Congressman George Miller (D-CA), HR 3619 institutionalizes the corrupt and abusive practice known as “card check.” Rather than having a secret ballot election administered by the National Labor Relations Board, card check allows a union to be organized when 50%-plus-one of all workers at a facility sign a kind of petition to do so.

While this may sound harmless on its surface, this practice has invited intimidation, bribery, and sometimes assault. When the sacred right to choose whether or not to have union representation is taken from the voting booth to the front door, rampant abuses can--and have--happened. We have attached supporting documentation on this subject, but this is just a representative sampling.

Your support is vital to defending the secret ballot for millions of American workers. Across the country, union thugs have been intimidating and harassing workers into signing confusing “card check” agreements. Intended to be an organizing means of last resort, unions instead are trying to replace traditional secret ballot elections with these corrupt, petition-like “card-check” schemes.

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