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Members of the House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee
New Hampshire State House
107 N Main St, Concord, NH 03303

Re: Support Senate Bill 61

Dear Representative,

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) and our supporters across New Hampshire, I urge you to support Senate Bill 61, legislation that prohibits collective bargaining agreements that require employees to join a labor union. If implemented, S.B. 61 would finally make New Hampshire a Right to Work state.

Right to Work laws allow workers the freedom of employment without forced membership in a labor union or forced payment to a union boss. While workers are free to join a union if they choose to do so, this bill simply affirms that workers in New Hampshire never have to join a union just to get a job. Existing Right to Work Laws protect 166 million Americans in 27 states, more than half the U.S. population.

If implemented, Senate Bill 61 would be a massive victory for New Hampshire workers. Research shows that Right to Work states experience stronger growth in the number of people employed, growth in manufacturing employment, and growth in the private sector.

According to the National Institute for Labor Relations Research, the percentage growth in the number of people employed between 2007-2017 in Right to Work states was 8.8%, and 4.2% in forced-unionism states. Growth in manufacturing employment between 2012-2017 in Right to Work states was 5.5%, and 1.7% in forced-unionism states. The percentage growth in the private sector from 2007-2017 in Right to Work states was 13.0%, and 10.1% in forced-unionism states.

Additionally, states that compel workers to join a union are losing residents at a rapid rate. An analysis by Stan Greer of the National Institute for Labor Relations Research found that forced unionism states, between 2007-2017, experienced net migration of -7.4%, whereas Right to Work states experienced a 1.6% growth in number of residents.

No worker in the Granite State should be forced to choose between putting food on the table and paying off a union boss. If S.B. 61 becomes law, no worker will have to make that choice.

ATR supports S.B. 61 and urges the House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee to vote YES.

Best,

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