

CONGRESSMAN PATRICK J. MURPHY
EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE
MILITARY PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE

HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT
COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

1007 LONGWORTH BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515
PHONE: (202) 225-4276
FAX: (202) 225-9511

BRISTOL OFFICE:
414 MILL STREET
BRISTOL, PA 19007
PHONE: (215) 826-1863
FAX: (215) 826-1997

DOYLESTOWN OFFICE:
60 NORTH MAIN STREET
DOYLESTOWN, PA 18901
PHONE: (215) 348-1194
FAX: (215) 348-1449

[HTTP://PATRICKMURPHY.HOUSE.GOV](http://PATRICKMURPHY.HOUSE.GOV)

Dear Colleague:


As the son of a legal secretary and a Philadelphia police officer who was a 36-year union member, I know that working families form the core of our communities. I believe every person who is willing to work hard deserves a place in the middle class and a chance at living the American dream. That is why we must pass the Employee Free Choice Act.

These days, far too many Americans feel that this dream is quickly slipping out of reach. We all see the cops, the firefighters, our teachers, and the line workers struggling to pay the bills, put food on the table, and send their kids to college. And last November, we saw the American people turn out in record numbers, demanding a change from the failed economic policies of the past eight years. By leveling the playing field for the millions of workers who wish to unionize, this bill would be a major step toward realizing that change.

We saw this drive for change among the guards at Wackenhut Security in Philadelphia, who faced intimidation, interrogation, and even suspensions for participating in organizing activities. Standing in front of the Liberty Bell, one of the sites the guards are tasked with protecting, I joined these workers in demanding basic respect and fairness from their employer. As Members of Congress, we must stand in solidarity with the workers who want and deserve to have their voices heard.

It is time to turn the page on old politics which says that only a few can succeed and live the American dream. I do not need to remind anybody that there is much work to be done, but one thing is clear: we must pass the Employee Free Choice Act of 2009, thereby providing a ladder to the middle class and ensuring that those who wish to unionize are never denied that fundamental right.

Sincerely,


PATRICK J. MURPHY
Member of Congress