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LIEBERMAN PUSHES FOR STRONGER UNION PROTECTIONS
SENATOR CO-SPONSORS LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN WORKERS' COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING RIGHTS

WASHINGTON - SENATOR JOE LIEBERMAN (D-CT) ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE WILL BE AN ORIGINAL COSPONSOR OF THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT, WHICH IS BEING INTRODUCED THIS WEEK BY SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY (D-MA) AND SENATOR ARLEN SPECTER (R-PA). THE BI-PARTISAN LEGISLATION REPRESENTS THE NEXT STEP TO STRENGTHEN PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS' FREEDOM TO FORM UNIONS.

"I AM PROUD TO STAND WITH WORKING FAMILIES IN CONNECTICUT AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN SUPPORTING THIS PRO-UNION BILL," SAID LIEBERMAN.

"STRENGTHENING WORKERS' RIGHTS TO FORM UNIONS AND BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY IS VITAL TO ENSURING THAT ALL AMERICANS' CAN REAP THE BENEFITS OF A GROWING ECONOMY."

THE EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT CO-SPONSORED BY LIEBERMAN STRENGTHENS PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS TO FORM UNIONS BY REQUIRING EMPLOYERS TO RECOGNIZE UNIONS AFTER WORKERS SIGN CARDS AUTHORIZING UNION REPRESENTATION. IT WOULD PROVIDE FOR MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION OF FIRST-CONTRACT DISPUTES AND AUTHORIZES STRONGER PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF EMPLOYEE RIGHTS WHEN WORKERS SEEK TO FORM A UNION.

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