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WFI Responds To Supreme Court Ruling On President Obama's Unconstitutional NLRB Appointments

Washington, D.C. (June 26, 2014) – The Workforce Fairness Institute (WFI) today responded to the decision reached by the U.S. Supreme Court concerning President Obama's unconstitutional appointments to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB):

“Today's Supreme Court decision confirms what nearly everyone outside the Obama Administration understood to be true, which was the so-called recess appointments made to the National Labor Relations Board while the U.S. Senate was still in session were not constitutional. President Obama's actions were nothing less than payback to the union bosses who bankrolled his campaigns for office and were rejected today by the highest court in our nation,” said Fred Wszolek, spokesperson for the Workforce Fairness Institute (WFI). “Our citizens have been well served by the decision reached by the Supreme Court in this matter as it ensures the Senate's constitutional responsibility of advising and consenting is protected from an executive branch operating outside the law. The court's ruling also guarantees the decisions made by the Board – many of which were grossly skewed in favor of Big Labor – are invalidated. Today's decision is a huge victory for workers and small businesses across the country.”

BACKGROUND:

Supreme Court Rejects President Obama's "Recess" Appointments To Labor Board. “The Supreme Court on Thursday limited the president's power to fill high-level vacancies with temporary appointments, ruling in favor of Senate Republicans in their partisan clash with President Barack Obama. The high court's first-ever case involving the Constitution's recess appointments clause ended in a unanimous decision holding that Obama's appointments to the National Labor Relations Board in 2012 without Senate confirmation were illegal. Obama invoked the Constitution's provision giving the president the power to make temporary appointments when the Senate is in recess. Problem is, the court said, the Senate was not actually in a formal recess when Obama acted. Obama had argued that the Senate was on an extended holiday break and that the brief sessions it held every three days were a sham that was intended to prevent him from filling seats on the NLRB. The justices rejected that argument Wednesday.” (Mark Sherman, “[High Court Limits President's Appointments Power](#),” The Associated Press, 6/26/14)

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