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To amend the National Labor Relations Act to modify the authority of the National Labor Relations Board with respect to rulemaking, issuance of complaints, and authority over unfair labor practices.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. STEWART, Mr. HARPER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. BABIN, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. FLORES, Mr. YOHO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. OLSON, and Mr. ALLEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting American
5 Jobs Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL LABOR RELA-**
2 **TIONS ACT.**

3 (a) DUTIES OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL AND ADMIN-
4 ISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES.—The National Labor Relations
5 Act (29 U.S.C. 151 et seq.) is amended—

6 (1) in section 3(d), by striking “and issuance of
7 complaints under section 10, and in respect of the
8 prosecution of such complaints before the Board”;
9 and

10 (2) in section 4(a), by striking the fourth sen-
11 tence.

12 (b) CLARIFICATION OF THE BOARD’S RULEMAKING
13 AUTHORITY.—Section 6 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 156) is
14 amended by adding at the end the following: “Such rule-
15 making authority shall be limited to rules concerning the
16 internal functions of the Board and the Board is prohib-
17 ited from promulgating rules that affect the substantive
18 rights of any person, employer, employee, or labor organi-
19 zation.”.

20 (c) INVESTIGATORY POWER AND ADJUDICATORY AU-
21 THORITY OVER UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICE ALLEGA-
22 TIONS.—Section 10 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 60) is amend-
23 ed—

24 (1) in subsection (a)—

25 (A) by striking “prevent any person from
26 engaging in” and inserting “investigate”; and

1 (B) by striking “This power shall” and all
2 that follows through the end of the subsection;
3 (2) in subsection (b)—

4 (A) by striking “Whenever it is charged”
5 and inserting “Whenever it appears”;

6 (B) by striking “or is engaging in” and in-
7 serting “, is engaging in, or is about to engage
8 in”;

9 (C) by striking “the Board, or any agent”
10 and all that follows through “*Provided*, That no
11 complaint shall be issued” and inserting “the
12 aggrieved party may bring a civil action for
13 such relief (including injunctions) as may be
14 appropriate. Any such action may be brought in
15 the district court of the United States where
16 the violation occurred, or at the option of the
17 parties, in the United States District Court for
18 the District of Columbia. No civil action may be
19 brought”;

20 (D) by striking “charge with the Board
21 and the service of a copy thereof upon the per-
22 son against whom such charge is made” and in-
23 serting “civil action”; and

24 (E) by striking “Any such complaint may
25 be amended” and all that follows through “Any

1 such proceeding shall, so far as practicable,”
 2 and inserting “Any such proceeding shall”;
 3 (3) by striking subsections (c) through (k) and
 4 redesignating subsection (l) as subsection (c); and
 5 (4) in subsection (c) (as so redesignated)—
 6 (A) by striking “Whenever it is charged”
 7 and inserting “Whenever it is alleged”;
 8 (B) in the first sentence, by striking
 9 “charge” both places it appears and inserting
 10 “allegation”; and
 11 (C) by striking “and that a complaint
 12 should issue, he shall” and all that follows
 13 through the end of the subsection and inserting
 14 “, the officer or regional attorney shall, on be-
 15 half of the Board, submit a written summary of
 16 the findings to all parties involved in the alleged
 17 unfair labor practice.”.

18 **SEC. 3. REGULATIONS.**

19 Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment
 20 of this Act, the National Labor Relations Board shall re-
 21 view and revise all regulations promulgated before such
 22 date to implement the amendments made by this Act.

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