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Subject: letter from South Carolina and 8 other state ag's about lawsuits

Please see below; Now there are 9 states going after us. Bloomberg asks if we have a response.

Columbia - South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson and eight (8) other state attorneys general have replied to a complaint filed against Boeing Corporation by the U.S. National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). The complaint charges Boeing with the commission of an unfair labor practice, but appears to do so without legal and factual foundation. The board claims Boeing is prohibited from expanding production of its planes beyond the reach of unions currently associated with its workers in Washington State. South Carolina is a staunch right to work state. In reality, Boeing expanded its production of 787 Dreamliners to South Carolina last year in response to increase in demand. What the NLRB complaint fails to mention is the increased demand for the planes prompted the creation of over 2,000 new jobs in Washington State first, and continued demand subsequently required an expansion facility in South Carolina. Recognizing the dangerous precedent this aggressive action could set against the right to work, job creation, and economic growth in many states, the attorneys general wrote:

"This complaint represents an assault upon the constitutional right of free speech, and the ability of our states to create jobs and recruit industry. Your ill-conceived retaliatory action seeks to destroy our citizens' right to work. It is South Carolina and Boeing today, but will be any of our states, with our right to work guarantees, tomorrow."

"...this tenuous complaint will reverberate throughout union and non-union states alike, as international companies will question the wisdom of locating in a country where the federal government interferes in industry without cause or justification."

"Our states are struggling to emerge from one of the worst economic collapses since the Depression. Your complaint further impairs an economic recovery. Intrusion by the federal bureaucracy on behalf of unions will not create a single new job or put one unemployed person back to work."

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