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## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 802 LABOR&EMPLOYMENT-MANDATORY MEETINGS-ATTENDANCE (PROTECTING WORKERS-CAPTIVE AUDIENCE MEETINGS ACT)

**TO: Chair Wilson, Vice Chair Crosby and members of the House Economic Matters Committee**  
**FROM: Tom Clark, Political Director, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 26**

Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair and members of the Committee. In today's partisan political world that we live in, **HB 802** is a necessary piece of legislation to protect all working people. Whether it be for religious, political or social reasons, I encourage you to **vote in favor of HB 802**.

The timing could not be better for this bill. With the November elections nine months away, its time to extinguish an employer's idea of holding a captive audience meeting and the threat of job termination for non-compliance. As a man of faith, I also do not think I persons spiritual belief should be brought to the surface, at the workplace. There is a time and a place for religion and politics, neither one should be "on the clock".

The answer is simple, make these meetings voluntary. Do not let someone in the business world communicate political interests to their employees. And do not let someone in the business world preach their religious beliefs to their employees. Leave those conversations to the Sunday morning talk shows and the sermon.

Please consider voting **favorable on HB 802**. Thank you!

