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To All Concerned:

Most of us were shocked to learn of Senator Arlen Specter's announcement on March 24, 2009, that "...I will not support cloture on this bill," referring to his change in position on the Employee Free Choice Act.

In its place, he suggests that "... Senators may choose to move on and amend the NLRA as I have suggested or otherwise." The suggestions he referred to were attached to his statement as an Appendix, numbered (1) through (12).

Needless to say, he has betrayed all of the people who have supported him in so many ways over the years. In response to his betrayal, let us be clear: we will not allow 1 senator out of 100 to determine the future of the labor movement. We will move on and overcome, and we will see the passage of the Employee Free Choice Act in 2009, with or without him!

But let us all remember that there is a big difference between what people say and what people do. We cannot afford to continue with business as usual and forgive him for this heinous betrayal.

In solidarity,

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