

March 8, 2010

The Honorable Stephen I. Cohen, Chairman
The Honorable Trent Franks, Ranking Member
Members, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law
U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary
362 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Letter in Support of the Arbitration Fairness Act, H.R. 1020

Act, Section 1981, the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).

Allowing employers to escape accountability for discrimination and harassment through the use of forced arbitration clauses in their employment contracts must be stopped. The Arbitration Fairness Act would restore access to our civil justice system and preserve important civil rights protections. We therefore urge you to support HR 1020 and to immediately bring it to a vote in the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph Institute
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee
American Association of People with Disabilities
American Civil Liberties Union
Alliance for Justice
American Association of University Women
Asian American Justice Center
Japanese American Citizens League
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Legal Momentum
NAACP
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
National Association of Human Rights Workers
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Council of La Raza
National Council of Women's Organizations
National Employment Law Project
National Fair Housing Alliance
National Partnership for Women and Families
NCCNHR: The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
Service Employees International Union
The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights
The Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center
Women's Research & Education Institute

CC: Congressman John Conyers, Jr.
Congresswoman Barbara Lee