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**COALITION FOR A DEMOCRATIC WORKPLACE CALLS ON SENATOR
SPECTER TO CLARIFY POSITION ON
ANTI-WORKER CARD CHECK BILL**

The Coalition for a Democratic Workplace (CDW) today called on Senator Specter to remove any uncertainty surrounding his position on the Employee Free Choice Act. The Employee Free Choice Act – or “card check” bill will effectively eliminate secret ballots for workers in union organizing elections and bind employers to contracts that inhibit their ability to create much-needed new jobs.

“Senator Specter can’t have it both ways by voting for cloture and voting against final passage. For workers, a vote for cloture is a vote to take away their right to a secret ballot,” said Brian Worth with the Coalition for a Democratic Workplace.

Cloture is an important procedural vote in the Senate that ends debate on a particular piece of legislation and allows it to proceed to a vote for final passage. Sixty votes are required for cloture, whereas a simple majority is needed for final legislative passage. As a result, if the Employee Free Choice Act receives 60 cloture votes, it will pass the Senate. A vote for cloture is a vote for the bill.

Recent press reports and statements have raised questions about whether Senator Specter will vote for or against this anti-worker legislation:

"Jobs are being exported," he said. "We have problems with pensions and health care. To take away the secret ballot is big stuff. I'm listening to all of the viewpoints very carefully. I have a hunch we'll vote this spring."

- Employee Free Choice Act: Key Senators Express Reservations, *Huffington Post*, March 10, 2009

“Specter has not said how he will vote on the legislation this coming Congress, but over the summer signaled a willingness to hear from both sides.”

- Specter in Tough Position on Card Check, *The Hill*, December 2, 2008

“Privacy and the secret ballot elections are at stake for millions of American workers and they deserve a clear, straightforward answer from Senator Specter about his position on the Employee Free Choice Act,” said Worth.

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About the Coalition for a Democratic Workplace

The Coalition for a Democratic Workplace is made up of more than 500 associations and organizations from every state across the nation that have joined together to protect a worker's right to a private ballot when deciding whether to join a union. In 2008, CDW embarked on a multi-million dollar public education campaign in key states that included polling, television, radio and internet ads and direct mail. For more information and a listing of our membership, please visit www.MyPrivateBallot.com.