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UGL-Unico Service Co. Case 1-RC-22447, and
Grocery Haulers, Inc. Case 3-RC-11944

Dear Mr. Heltzer,

I respectfully submit this amicus brief letter in response to the National Labor Relations Board's August 31, 2010 invitations to file amicus briefs in the above captioned cases. I have a PhD in economics as well as a Juris Doctorate and been a professor of labor and employment law for 25 years. During my academic career I have served as the Chair of the Labor Law Group and the Secretary for the ABA's Section on Labor and Employment Law. I have also written seven books and fifty-five articles, most on labor law and the economic analysis of law, and almost a third involving empirical analysis. A copy of my curriculum vitae is enclosed for your reference.

As stated in the Board's invitation, "The Board must hold fast to the objectives of the statute using an empirical approach to adjust its decisions to the evolving realities of industrial progress and the reflection of that change in organizations of employees.' The Board continues to believe that it is its obligation under the Act to continually evaluate whether its decisions and rules are serving their intended purposes." (quoting *American Cyanamid Co.*, 131 NLRB 909 (1961)). I write this amicus brief letter because I think that some of my research on the theory of American labor law can shed some light on both the theoretical and empirical questions raised in these cases. In particular I believe that my work demonstrates the importance of stability in bargaining relationships and the presumption of continuing majority status to promoting cooperative labor relations and industrial peace.

In my article, *A Bargaining Analysis of American Labor Law and the Search for Bargaining Equity and Industrial Peace*,¹ I construct a simple game theoretic model of

¹ Kenneth G. Dau-Schmidt, *A Bargaining Analysis of American Labor Law and the Search for Bargaining Equity and Industrial Peace*, 91 MICH. L. REV. 419 (1992) (here-in-after "Dau-Schmidt").
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collective bargaining and discuss the existing empirical literature on how the process of collective bargaining can be regulated to encourage cooperation and promote industrial peace. I model collective bargaining as a dilemma game in which the parties suffer a divergence between their individual interests in being intransigent and benefiting at the expense of the other side, with the possible outcome being a strike, and their collective interest in being cooperative and settling their differences without recourse to industrial strife. I survey the empirical literature on ways to promote cooperation between the parties in dilemma games like collective bargaining and outline several possible means by which the government might regulate the process of collective bargaining to encourage cooperative labor relations; each of which corresponds to existing doctrine in American labor law. Of greatest relevance to the issues in these cases I find both theoretical and empirical support for the idea that promoting stability in bargaining relationships encourages cooperative bargaining and industrial peace. Accordingly I conclude that in balancing the interests involved in deciding whether to reinstate a full voluntary recognition bar and successor bar, or to reaffirm the later precedents of *Dana Corp.* and *MV Transportation*, the Board should weigh heavily the parties' and state's interests in fostering stability in collective bargaining relationships to promote cooperative bargaining and fulfill the NLRA's purpose of promoting industrial peace.

A Simple Game Theoretical Model of Collective Bargaining

The problem of promoting cooperation in collective bargaining and industrial peace can be represented by a simple bargaining game in which the employer and the union can each individually benefit from being recalcitrant in bargaining.² Take a simple example in which an employer and a union have to decide how to divide a surplus of \$10 after all costs are paid and each party has two possible bargaining strategies: cooperation or intransigence. Assume that if both parties are cooperative, they split the surplus at \$5. This "split the difference" assumption comports with common ideas of fairness and cooperation. Assume that intransigence can yield individual benefits for each party in that, if one side is intransigent while the other is cooperative, the intransigent side gets \$8 of the surplus while the cooperative side gets \$2. This is a plausible assumption that is consistent with common experience that one side can benefit at the expense of the other through hard bargaining. However, also assume that if both sides are intransigent, the result is a strike that wastes a portion of the surplus (\$4) and then the parties divide the remaining surplus cooperatively at \$3 each. This is also a plausible assumption consistent with common experience that mutual intransigence leads to the breakdown of negotiations and industrial strife. The actual representative dollar amounts assigned above are not important to the implications of the model, the implications are driven only by the very plausible assumption that the parties can individually benefit from intransigence, but that intransigence can lead to waste through industrial strife. The payoffs to the parties associated with each possible bargaining situation are depicted in Matrix 1.

² The analysis presented in this amicus brief letter is based on Dau-Schmidt, at 442-50, 483-490, 492-505.

Matrix 1: Employer and Union Payoffs in Dividing \$10		Employer Strategies	
		Cooperation	Intransigence
Union Strategies	Cooperation	5 / 5	8 / 2
	Intransigence	2 / 8	3 / 3

The payoffs presented in Matrix 1 present the “dilemma” of collective bargaining and the problem of regulating collective bargaining to promote industrial peace. In Matrix 1 we see that each side has an individually “dominant strategy” of being intransigent in bargaining. Regardless of what the other side does, each party always does better by being intransigent. If the employer decides to be cooperative, the union does better by being intransigent ($8 > 5$) and if the employer decides to be intransigent the union still does better by being intransigent ($3 > 2$). Similarly the employer’s dominant individual strategy is also to be intransigent. The problem, or “dilemma,” in this bargaining game is that if both parties follow their individually dominant strategy and are intransigent, they end up in a strike that wastes a portion of the surplus, and they end up with less money than if they had acted on their collective interest in cooperating ($3 < 5$). Dilemma games like that outlined above are endemic to collective bargaining and arise in a variety of contexts including organizing, negotiating the collective agreement and enforcing the agreement. The problem in regulating collective bargaining is how to get the parties to act on their collective interest in cooperation, rather than acting on their individual interest in being intransigent; in other words how to move the parties from an equilibrium in the southeast quadrant of Matrix 1 (payoffs 3, 3) up into a solution in the northwest quadrant of Matrix 1 (payoffs 5, 5).

Empirical Evidence on the Means for Encouraging Cooperation in Collective Bargaining and Industrial Peace

Social scientists have done a variety of empirical studies to learn how best to help parties engaged in dilemma games, like those found in collective bargaining, to act on their collective interest in cooperation rather than their individual interest in intransigence. They have found that cooperation between the parties in dilemma games can be promoted by: promoting homogeneity among the constituencies of the players of the game; limiting the number of players; requiring exchanges of information; prohibiting certain bargaining strategies, including lying, committing to third parties, or cutting off negotiations; promoting repeated play and stability in the dilemma game; and enforcing explicit private agreements to refrain from undertaking intransigent strategies.³ Promoting homogeneity and reducing the number of players simplifies the game so

³ Dau-Schmidt, at 485, citing HENRY HAMBURGER, GAMES AS MODELS OF SOCIAL PHENOMENA 114-16, 121-22, 126-27, 173, 190, 241-42 (1979); HOWARD RAIFFA, THE ART AND SCIENCE OF NEGOTIATION 12-19 (1982); Jules L.

that the players are more likely to see their collective interest in cooperation. Reducing the number of players also prevents a few uncooperative players from free riding on the cooperative efforts of others. Requiring exchanges of information on the game allows the parties to see their collective interest in avoiding escalation and promotes trust. Bargaining strategies such as lying, committing to third parties, and cutting off negotiations are themselves strategic acts that can jeopardize the larger game. Repeated play and stability in the parties helps engender trust, lowers the costs of bargaining and increases the costs of intransigence by making such behavior a threat not only to current negotiations but also to future negotiations. Finally, making explicit private armistices enforceable encourages the parties to negotiate such armistices and changes the payoffs of the game to make cooperation individually rational.

The results of these empirical studies can be summarized in two basic strategies that Congress, the courts and Board might adopt to promote labor and management cooperation and industrial peace: directly prohibiting costly strategic behaviors that undermine cooperation, for example lying, committing to third parties or refusing to meet; or formulating the game of collective bargaining in such a way that it facilitates the parties' ability to see and act on their collective interest in cooperation rather than their individual interest in being intransigent, for example limiting the number of players to each game, requiring exchanges of information and promoting stability in bargaining relationships. In reading the results of the empirical studies, an astute practitioner of American labor law cannot help but identify various results that find representation in our doctrines under the NLRA. For example, the empirical findings that homogeneity in constituents and limiting the number of players to a game simplifies bargaining and improves the chances of cooperation is consistent with the congressional mandates of section 9 of the NLRA that employees be organized in "appropriate bargaining units" and represented by unions who are their "exclusive representative." Similarly, the empirical findings that exchanges of information promote comprehension and trust which in turn engender cooperation between the parties, are consistent with the Supreme Court's holding in *Truitt* and other cases that good faith bargaining requires certain exchanges of information. Indeed, all of the empirical results outlined above find some representation in American labor law as part of a doctrine that is designed to help achieve the NLRA's purpose of promoting industrial peace.⁴ Of particular importance to the cases being considered by the Board today are the findings that promoting stability in the bargaining relationship promotes the parties' ability to cooperate in collective bargaining and thus furthers that NLRA's purpose of promoting industrial peace.

Coleman *et al.*, *A Bargaining Theory Approach to Default Provisions and Disclosure Rules in Contract Law*, 12 HARV. J.L. & PUB. POLY. 639, 671-89 (1989); Jules L. Coleman, *Afterword: The Rational Approach to Legal Rules*, 65 CHI.-KENT L. REV. 177, 187 (1989); Peter Huber, *Competition, Conglomerates, and the Evolution of Cooperation*, 93 YALE L.J. 1147, 1164-67 (1984); John Fox & Melvin Guyer, *Group Size and Others' Strategy in an N-Person Game*, 21 J. CONFLICT RESOL. 323 (1977); Henry Hamburger, *Dynamics of Cooperation in Take-Some Games*, in MATHEMATICAL MODELS FOR SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (Wilhelm F. Kempf & Bruno H. Repp eds., 1977); MANCUR OLSON, *THE LOGIC OF COLLECTIVE ACTION* 9-15 (1971); ANATOL RAPOPORT & ALBERT M. CHAMMAH, *PRISONER'S DILEMMA* 87-102 (1965); John Fox & Melvin Guyer, *"Public" Choice and Cooperation in N-Person Prisoner's Dilemma*, 22 J. CONFLICT RESOL. 469 (1978); Lester B. Lave, *An Empirical Approach to the Prisoners' Dilemma Game*, 76 Q.J. ECON. 424 (1962).

⁴ Dau-Schmidt, at 493-505.

Promoting Industrial Peace Through Stability in Bargaining Relationships

An important benefit of fostering stability in collective bargaining relationships is that it facilitates cooperative bargaining and thus promotes industrial peace. If the employer thinks that the union is about to become defunct, she has little incentive to bargain cooperatively, and indeed has incentive to make an “end game defection” on past cooperation and grab whatever she can in negotiations. Alternatively, if the employer believes that the union’s position is secure, he has incentive to bargain cooperatively because he would reasonably believe that current cooperation might be rewarded by present and future union cooperation and current intransigence might bring present and future union retaliation. Stability in bargaining relationships also facilitates exchanges of information and trust between the parties. Lester B. Lave, in his pioneering study of dilemma games, found that the parties to such games are much more likely to reach a cooperative solution when there is a reasonable prospect of “repeat play” or continuity in the relationship than when the parties think their negotiations are a one-time thing.⁵ Empirical work by Robert M. Axelrod and others is consistent with this finding.⁶ More recently, Duvall has argued that, in bargaining relationships where there is an expectation of continuity, the parties are more likely to engage in “integrative bargaining” rather than “adversarial bargaining.”⁷ As demonstrated in her case study of the negotiations over the Kaiser-Permanente collective bargaining agreement, under integrative bargaining the parties are more likely to disclose information and seek solutions for their mutual benefit than to engage in adversarial bargaining where one side wins at the expense of the other. As a result, the integrative bargaining found in continuing bargaining relationships is more likely to result in cooperative negotiations and industrial peace.

The presumption of continuing majority status for a reasonable period of good faith bargaining that underlay the Board’s voluntary recognition bar doctrine prior to *Dana Corp.*, 351 NLRB 434 (2007), and the Board’s successor bar doctrine prior to *MV Transportation*, 337 NLRB 770 (2002), served the important purpose of promoting stability in the collective bargaining relationship which theoretical and empirical work suggests will promote cooperative bargaining and fulfill the NLRA’s purpose of promoting industrial peace.⁸ Such stability in the bargaining relationship would seem particularly important to cooperative bargaining when the bargaining relationship has just begun, as in the case of voluntary recognition, or when the employer is in some turmoil, as is the case in successorship. Accordingly in weighing the different issues involved in deciding whether to reinstate a full voluntary recognition bar and successor bar, the Board should weigh heavily the parties’ and states’ interest in stability in the bargaining relationship because such stability will encourage cooperation in collective bargaining and help to fulfill the NLRA’s purpose of promoting industrial peace.

⁵ Lester B. Lave, *An Empirical Approach to the Prisoners' Dilemma Game*, 76 Q.J. ECON. 424 (1962).

⁶ ROBERT M. AXELROD, *THE EVOLUTION OF COOPERATION* 12 (1984); HENRY HAMBURGER, *GAMES AS MODELS OF SOCIAL PHENOMENA* 114-158, 126, 233 (1979); Robert D. Cooter, *The Structural Approach to Adjudicating Social Norms* 17 (Univ. Cal. Berkeley Working Paper No. 90-5, 1990); Robert Cooter, *The Cost of Coase*, 11 J. LEGAL STUD. 1, 19 (1982).

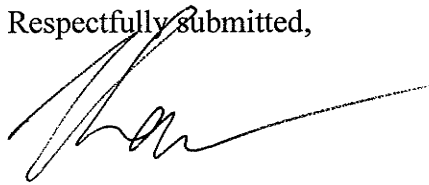
⁷ Carly Duvall, *Making Friends of Foes: Bringing Labor and Management Together Through Integrative Bargaining*, 2009 J. DISP. RESOL. 197.

⁸ Dau-Schmidt, at 504-05.

Conclusion

Theoretical and empirical work in game theory suggests that stability in collective bargaining relationships is important to promoting cooperation in bargaining and fulfilling the NLRA's purpose of promoting industrial peace. In the absence of stability in the bargaining relationship, employers have little incentive to bargain cooperatively and indeed have some incentive to act strategically and exploit the situation. This is particularly true in the situations in which there is already some uncertainty because the bargaining relationship is new or because the employer is in flux due to successorship. Accordingly a strong presumption of continuing majority status is important to promoting cooperative collective bargaining and industrial peace in these cases and the Board should act to reinstate full voluntary recognition and successorship bars overturning the recent Board precedents in *Dana Corp.* and *MV Transportation*.

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Dean Search (elected 1989-90, selected 2002-03)
Committee on Committees (elected 1989-90, 1990-91)
Policy Committee (elected 1998-99)
Appointments (1987-88, 1990-91, Chair 1996-97, Chair 1997-98, Chair 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, Chair 2001-02, 2007-08, Chair 2008-09)
Promotion and Tenure (1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98, 2000-01, Chair 2004-05, Ex-Officio 2005-06, Chair 2006-07)
Law and Society (Chair 1992-94, Chair 1998-99, Chair 2002-04)
Center for Law Society and Culture (Director 2002-04, Co-Director 2004-2007)
Self-Study Committee (2001-02, 2002-03)
Faculty Development (1987-88, Chair 1990-91, 1994-95)
Educational Policy (Chair 2010-11)
Speakers Committee (2005-2007)
Admissions (2002-03, 2003-04)
Teaching (2009-10, Chair)
Honor Council (1988-89, 1989-90)
Petitions (1986-87, 1992-93)
Library (1986-87, 1988-89)
Orientation (1988-89, 1989-90)
Graduate Legal Studies (1992-93, 1993-94, 1995-96)
Foreign Programs Committee (1994-95)

I have also served as the College or Law School representative on: University Tenure Committee (2009-10, 2010-11); the AAUP Executive Committee Indiana University-Bloomington Chapter (1996-98, 2009-

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