

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT

The National Labor Relations Act—also known as the Wagner Act—protects workers’ right to join unions and bargain collectively. On July 5, 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Act into law, stating that it sought to achieve “common justice and economic advance.” It remains one of the most important pieces of labor legislation in our time.



“Some think that in hard economic times the solution is to cut corners on workers’ rights. I couldn’t disagree more. As we work to overcome our own Great Recession, we need strategies that create good jobs. That means realizing the promise of the Wagner Act.”

— Hilda L. Solis



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