



# Important Information About NLRB Investigations for Immigrant Workers



The National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) protects most private-sector employees, regardless of their immigration status. The NLRA gives employees the right to:

- Form, join, or assist a union to negotiate concerning wages and other working conditions.
- Discuss wages and other working conditions with coworkers, a union, a worker center, a government agency, the media, or the public.
- Take collective action with coworkers to try to improve wages and other working conditions.
- Choose not to take part in any of these actions.

**Below is important information for you to know about our confidential investigation process:**

- Because immigration status is not relevant as to whether there has been a violation of the NLRA:
  - We will **NOT** ask you about your immigration status.
  - You **DO NOT** need to share any information with us about your immigration status.
  - You **DO NOT** need to share information about the status of your current/former coworkers.
- We only enforce the NLRA and have **NO** involvement with the enforcement of immigration laws.
- We will **NOT** share any information about you with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), or any other immigration authorities, unless you request that we share your information to assist you with seeking immigration relief, as described in the last bulleted point of this document.
- If you have concerns about appearing at our offices for any reason, please speak with the Board Agent assigned to the case about other methods of participating in the investigation, including taking your affidavit outside of our office or by video.
- Our investigations are confidential, which means that we will **NOT** disclose your affidavit to an employer, unless you testify at a trial, or we seek a federal court injunction.
- If you are not comfortable communicating with us in English, we will make an interpreter available to provide assistance and information in your preferred language.
- If you are aware that an employer or union has engaged in any of the following conduct, please tell the Board Agent about it because it may violate the law:
  - Threatening to call DHS or ICE or making other similar threats because you or other employees have engaged in union activity or other collective action to improve working conditions.
  - Asking employees to provide new or updated immigration documents/papers or reverifying employees' work authorization without a valid, non-discriminatory reason, which could violate the NLRA or other laws.
- If, at the end of the investigation, we determine there is merit to the charge (the employer or union has violated the law) and we have to litigate the case before an Administrative Law Judge, we will make every effort to prevent the employer or union from asking you about your immigration status.
- If you have filed a charge or are a witness and you or your representative tells us that there is NLRA protected activity at a worksite and immigration relief is necessary to protect employees who are exercising those rights or participating in the NLRB process, the NLRB will consider seeking immigration relief for employees at that worksite including deferred action, parole, U or T visa status, or other relief as available and appropriate. The NLRB cannot provide immigration advice. If you need immigration counsel, a list of providers of free legal services is available here:  
<https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers>.

For more information on the NLRB, please visit our website, [www.nlrb.gov](http://www.nlrb.gov).