FORM NLRB-501
(3-21)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE	
Case 15-CA-313805	Date Filed **March 10, 2023**

INSTRUCTIONS:
File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.

1. EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT

a. Name of Employer Starbucks Coffee Company		b. Tel. No. (337) 216-0561
		c. Cell No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
		f. Fax. No.
d. Address *(Street, city, state, and ZIP code)* 5709 Johnson Street LA Lafayette 70503	e. Employer Representative (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	g. e-mail
		h. Number of workers employed 20
i. Type of Establishment *(factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.)* Retail (Specialty)	j. Identify principal product or service Starbucks Coffee Company	

The above-named employer has engaged in and is engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section 8(a), subsections (1) and (list subsections) 1 of the National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair labor practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act.

2. Basis of the Charge *(set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices)*

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ing charge *(if labor organization, give full name, including local name and number)*

4a. Address *(Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)* (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	4b. Tel. No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
	4c. Cell No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
	4d. Fax No.
	4e. e-mail (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

5. Full name of national or international labor organization of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit *(to be filled in when charge is filed by a labor organization)*

6. DECLARATION I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) *(signature of representative or person making charge)* *(Print/type name and title or office, if any)* Address (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Date 03/10/2023 12:29:17 PM	Tel. No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office, if any, Cell No. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Fax No. e-mail (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS CHARGE CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)
PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. § 151 *et seq.* The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing unfair labor practice and related proceedings or litigation. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (Dec. 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Disclosure of this information to the NLRB is voluntary; however, failure to supply the information may cause the NLRB to decline to invoke its processes.

Basis of the Charge

8(a)(1)

Within the previous six months, the Employer disciplined or retaliated against an employee(s) because the employee(s) engaged in protected concerted activities by, inter alia, protesting terms and conditions of employment and in order to discourage employees from engaging in protected concerted activities.

Name of employee disciplined/retaliated against	Type of discipline/retaliation	Approximate date of discipline/retaliation
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Threatened by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to be fired .	(b) (6), (b) (7/2023

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March 10, 2023

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @starbucks.com
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Starbucks Coffee Company
5709 Johnson Street
Lafayette, LA 70503

Re: Starbucks Coffee Company
Case 15-CA-313805

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C):

Enclosed is a copy of a charge that has been filed in this case. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

Investigator: This charge is being investigated by Field Attorney BEAUFORD D. PINES whose telephone number is (504)321-9579. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Officer in Charge CHRISTOPHER ROY whose telephone number is (901)425-7236.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing *Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance*. This form is available on our website, www.nlrb.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If you are contacted by someone about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the National Labor Relations Board. Their knowledge regarding this proceeding was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Presentation of Your Evidence: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly. **Due to the nature of the allegations in the enclosed unfair labor practice charge, we have identified this case as one in which injunctive relief pursuant to Section 10(j) of the Act may be appropriate.**

Therefore, in addition to investigating the merits of the unfair labor practice allegations, the Board agent will also inquire into those factors relevant to making a determination as to whether or not 10(j) injunctive relief is appropriate in this case. Accordingly, please include your position on the appropriateness of Section 10(j) relief when you submit your evidence relevant to the investigation.

Due to the nature of the allegations in the enclosed unfair labor practice charge, we have identified this case as one in which injunctive relief pursuant to Section 10(l) of the Act may be appropriate. In accordance with Section 10(l) of the Act and Section 10200.1 of the Casehandling Manual, the investigation of this charge is given the highest priority and all parties are expected to present their evidence within 72 hours from the date of filing thecharge. Please be advised that if the Region determines that there is reasonable cause to believe that the allegations of the charge are true and that a complaint should issue, the Region shall file on behalf of the Board a complaint in federal district court seeking injunctive relief or temporary restraining order pending adjudication of the alleged unfair labor practice by the Board. Accordingly, you are requested to provide your evidence and any position statement addressing both the allegations of the charge and the appropriateness of injunctive relief by (fill in date COB three days after service of charge.) If you do not submit your evidence and any position statement by (same date as before), the Region may make a determination on the merits and whether injunctive relief is appropriate without the benefit of your evidence and position.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose position statements or evidence in closed cases upon request, unless an exemption applies, such as those protecting confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

Preservation of all Potential Evidence: Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI

(e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

Prohibition on Recording Affidavit Interviews: It is the policy of the General Counsel to prohibit affiants from recording the interview conducted by Board agents when subscribing Agency affidavits. Such recordings may impede the Agency's ability to safeguard the confidentiality of the affidavit itself, protect the privacy of the affiant and potentially compromise the integrity of the Region's investigation.

Correspondence: All documents submitted to the Region regarding your case MUST be filed through the Agency's website, www.nlrb.gov. This includes all formal pleadings, briefs, as well as affidavits, documentary evidence, and position statements. The Agency requests all evidence submitted electronically to be in the form it is normally used and maintained in the course of business (i.e., native format). Where evidence submitted electronically is not in native format, it should be submitted in a manner that retains the essential functionality of the native format (i.e., in a machine-readable and searchable electronic format).

If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the charge. If you cannot e-file your documents, you must provide a statement explaining why you do not have access to the means for filing electronically or why filing electronically would impose an undue burden.

In addition, this Region will be issuing case-related correspondence and documents, including complaints, compliance specifications, dismissal letters, deferral letters, and withdrawal letters, electronically to the email address you provide. To ensure that you receive important case-related correspondence, please ensure that the Board Agent assigned to your case has your preferred email address. These steps will ensure that you receive correspondence faster and at a significantly lower cost to the taxpayer. If there is some reason you are unable to receive correspondence via email, please contact the agent assigned to your case to discuss the circumstances that prevent you from using email.

Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI): This National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) proceeding may contain Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI). Subsequent information in this proceeding may also constitute CUI. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) regulations at 32 CFR Part 2002 apply to all executive branch agencies that designate or handle information that meets the standards for CUI.

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Information about the Agency, the procedures we follow in unfair labor practice cases and our customer service standards is available on our website, www.nlrb.gov or from an NLRB office upon your request. *NLRB Form 4541, Investigative Procedures* offers information that is helpful to parties involved in an investigation of an unfair labor practice charge.

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We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance. *Możemy dostarczyć pomoc dla osób z ograniczonym językiem Angielskim. Proszę poinformować nas jeżeli pan/pani potrzebuje taką pomoc.*

Very truly yours,

M. Kathleen McKinney

M. Kathleen McKinney
Regional Director

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Enclosures:
1. Copy of Charge
2. Commerce Questionnaire

FORM NLRB-5081
(3-11)

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION

Please read carefully, answer all applicable items, and return to the NLRB Office. If additional space is required, please add a page and identify item number.

CASE NAME	CASE NUMBER
	15-CA-313805

1. EXACT LEGAL TITLE OF ENTITY (As filed with State and/or stated in legal documents forming entity)

2. TYPE OF ENTITY

[ ] CORPORATION [ ] LLC [ ] LLP [ ] PARTNERSHIP [ ] SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP [ ] OTHER (Specify)

3. IF A CORPORATION or LLC

A. STATE OF INCORPORATION OR FORMATION	B. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP (e.g. parent, subsidiary) OF ALL RELATED ENTITIES

4. IF AN LLC OR ANY TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL MEMBERS OR PARTNERS

5. IF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPRIETOR

6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR OPERATIONS *(Products handled or manufactured, or nature of services performed).*

7A. PRINCIPAL LOCATION:	7B. BRANCH LOCATIONS:

8. NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED

A. TOTAL:	B. AT THE ADDRESS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER:

9. DURING THE MOST RECENT *(Check the appropriate box):* [ ] **CALENDAR** [ ] **12 MONTHS** or [ ] **FISCAL YEAR** *(FY DATES _____)*

	YES	NO
A. Did you **provide services** valued in excess of $50,000 directly to customers outside your State? If no, indicate actual value. $_____		
B. If you answered no to 9A, did you **provide services** valued in excess of $50,000 to customers in your State who purchased goods valued in excess of $50,000 from directly outside your State? If no, indicate the value of any such services you provided. $_____		
C. If you answered no to 9A and 9B, did you **provide services** valued in excess of $50,000 to public utilities, transit systems, newspapers, health care institutions, broadcasting stations, commercial buildings, educational institutions, or retail concerns? If less than $50,000, indicate amount. $_____		
D. Did you **sell goods** valued in excess of $50,000 directly to customers located outside your State? If less than $50,000, indicate amount. $_____		
E. If you answered no to 9D, did you **sell goods** valued in excess of $50,000 directly to customers located inside your State who purchased other goods valued in excess of $50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than $50,000, indicate amount. $_____		
F. Did you **purchase and receive goods** valued in excess of $50,000 from directly outside your State? If less than $50,000, indicate amount. $_____		
G. Did you **purchase and receive goods** valued in excess of $50,000 from enterprises who received the goods directly from points outside your State? If less than $50,000, indicate amount. $_____		
H. **Gross Revenues** from all sales or performance of services ***(Check the largest amount)*** [ ] $100,000 [ ] $250,000 [ ] $500,000 [ ] $1,000,000 or more If less than $100,000, indicate amount.		
I. **Did you begin operations within the last 12 months?** If yes, specify date: _____		

10. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER EMPLOYER GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?

[ ] YES [ ] NO *(If yes, name and address of association or group).*

11. REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPERATIONS

NAME	TITLE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	TEL. NUMBER

12. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME AND TITLE *(Type or Print)*	SIGNATURE	E-MAIL ADDRESS	DATE

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

STARBUCKS COFFEE COMPANY Charged Party and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Charging Party	**Case 15-CA-313805**

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, state under oath that on March 10, 2023, I served the above-entitled document(s) by e-mail upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @starbucks.com
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
Starbucks Coffee Company
5709 Johnson Street
Lafayette, LA 70503

March 10, 2023	Cristina Sanchez, Designated Agent of NLRB
Date	Name
	/s/
	Signature

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
[redacted]

Re: Starbucks Coffee Company
Case 15-CA-313805

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]:

The charge that you filed in this case on March 10, 2023, has been docketed as case number 15-CA-313805. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

Investigator: This charge is being investigated by Field Attorney BEAUFORD D. PINES whose telephone number is (504)321-9579. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Officer in Charge CHRISTOPHER ROY whose telephone number is (901)425-7236.

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Presentation of Your Evidence: As the party who filed the charge in this case, it is your responsibility to meet with the Board agent to provide a sworn affidavit, or provide other witnesses to provide sworn affidavits, and to provide relevant documents within your possession. Because we seek to resolve labor disputes promptly, you should be ready to promptly present your affidavit(s) and other evidence. If you have not yet scheduled a date and time for the Board agent to take your affidavit, please contact the Board agent to schedule the affidavit(s). If you fail to cooperate in promptly presenting your evidence, your charge may be dismissed without investigation.

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Presentation of Your Evidence: As the party who filed the charge in this case, it is your responsibility to promptly provide evidence in this matter. Enclosed is a questionnaire concerning your charge. Please answer each of the questions as completely as possible. If adequate space is not provided, you may attach additional pages. Please remember to enclose documents requested in the questionnaire. If you have any questions about the questionnaire or how to fill it out, please immediately contact the Board agent assigned to investigate your case.

Because your prompt cooperation in this investigation is required, you must return the completed questionnaire and your supporting documents no later than **March 24, 2023**. Absent very good reasons for not returning the questionnaire and documents by that date, your charge is subject to dismissal for lack of cooperation.

After receiving your questionnaire, the Board agent may contact you about providing a sworn affidavit or additional documents or witnesses.

Preservation of all Potential Evidence: Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

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Qualifying for Backpay: We are just beginning to investigate your charge and no decision has been made regarding the merits of your case. However, it is important that employees who might be entitled to backpay because of loss of employment understand their obligation to look for work in order to qualify for backpay if your case has merit. Accordingly, we urge you to promptly provide the Board agent with the names and addresses of all employees who might be entitled to backpay as a result of the charge you filed.

If backpay is due to an employee, the Board requires that the employee offset the backpay by promptly beginning to look for another job in the same or similar line of work. The Board has held that a reasonably diligent employee should begin searching for interim work within 2 weeks after the employee's termination or layoff or a refusal to hire the employee. If an employee cannot establish that he or she actively tried to mitigate his or her losses, the amount of money owed to the employee might be reduced.

Employees who might be owed backpay should keep careful records of when and where they have sought employment and of job search expenses such as mileage, parking, and copying resumes. Specifically, they should keep a record of each time they attempt to find work, including the date, name of the company, name of person with whom they spoke, the position sought, and the response received.

TENGA PRESENTE: Esta carta contiene información importante acerca del cargo que usted presentó con la Junta Nacional de Relaciones del Trabajo (NLRB). En ella se explican sus obligaciones para proveer evidencia que sustente su cargo y quién lo estará investigando. Si el Inglés no es su primer idioma y usted desea que esta carta se le explique en su primer idioma, puede comunicarse por escrito con la Oficina Regional a la dirección que aparece en esta carta o llamar al . El NLRB está comprometido en asegurar, en la medida que sea posible, que las personas que no hablen Inglés puedan entender el procedimiento de sus casos. *(PLEASE NOTE: This letter contains important information about the charge you filed with the NLRB. It explains your obligations to provide evidence in support of the charge and who will be investigating your charge. If you are not a native English speaker and would like this letter to be explained to you in your primary language, you may contact the Regional Office by letter at the above address or call . The National Labor Relations Board is committed to ensuring, to the extent possible, that non-English speaking parties are able to understand the processing of their cases.)*
Enclosure

Very truly yours,

M. Kathleen McKinney

M. Kathleen McKinney
Regional Director

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Enclosure
1. Important Information About NLRB Investigations for Immigrant Workers (English & Spanish)

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.

Información Importante Acerca de las Investigaciones de la NLRB para los Trabajadores Inmigrantes

La Ley Nacional de Relaciones del Trabajo (NLRA por sus siglas en inglés) protege a la mayoría de los empleados del sector privado, <u>independientemente</u> de su estatus migratorio. La NLRA les da a los empleados el derecho a:

- Formar, afiliarse o ayudar a una unión para negociar sobre los salarios y otras condiciones de trabajo.
- Discutir los salarios y otras condiciones de trabajo con los compañeros de trabajo, una unión, un centro de trabajadores, una agencia gubernamental, los medios de comunicación o el público.
- Tomar acciones colectivas con los compañeros de trabajo para tratar de mejorar los salarios y otras condiciones de trabajo.
- Optar por no participar en ninguna de estas acciones.

A continuación, le presentamos información importante que debe conocer acerca de nuestro proceso de investigación confidencial:

- Porque el estatus migratorio no es pertinente si ha habido una violación de la NLRA:
  - Nosotros **NO** le preguntaremos sobre su estatus migratorio.
  - Usted **NO NECESITA** compartir ninguna información con nosotros acerca de su estatus migratorio.
  - Usted **NO NECESITA** compartir ninguna información sobre el estatus [migratorio] de sus actuales/antiguos compañeros de trabajo.
- Sólo hacemos cumplir la NLRA y **NO** estamos involucrados en el cumplimiento de las leyes de inmigración.
- **NO** compartimos ninguna información sobre usted con el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS por sus siglas en inglés), incluyendo el Servicio de Inmigración y Control de Aduanas (ICE por sus siglas en inglés) o cualquier otra autoridad de inmigración, a menos que usted solicite que compartamos su información para ayudarle a buscar alivio migratorio, como se describe en el último punto de este documento.
- Si tiene preocupaciones acerca de presentarse en nuestras oficinas por cualquier razón, por favor hable con el agente de la Junta asignado al caso sobre otras maneras de participar en la investigación, incluyendo tomar su declaración jurada fuera de nuestra oficina o por video.
- Nuestras investigaciones son confidenciales, lo que significa que **NO** divulgaremos su declaración jurada a un empleador, a menos que usted testifique en un juicio, o que busquemos un mandato judicial federal.
- Si no está cómodo/a comunicándose con nosotros en inglés, tendremos un intérprete disponible para proporcionarle asistencia e información en su idioma predilecto.

- Si usted sabe que un empleador o unión ha incurrido en alguna de las siguientes conductas, por favor infórmele al agente de la Junta ya que puede violar la ley:
    - Amenazar con llamar al DHS o al ICE o hacer otras amenazas similares porque usted u otros empleados han participado en actividades sindicales u otras acciones colectivas para mejorar las condiciones de trabajo.
    - Pedir a los empleados que proporcionen documentos/papeles de inmigración nuevos o actualizados o volver a verificar la autorización de trabajo de los empleados sin una razón válida y no discriminatoria, que podría violar la NLRA u otras leyes.
- Si, al final de la investigación, determinamos que el cargo tiene mérito (el empleador o la unión han violado la ley) y tenemos que litigar el caso frente a un Juez de Ley Administrativa, haremos todo lo posible para evitar que el empleador o la unión le pregunten sobre su estatus migratorio.
- Si usted ha presentado un cargo o es un testigo y usted o su representante nos dice que se hay una actividad protegida por la NLRA en un lugar de trabajo y que es necesario un alivio migratorio para proteger a los empleados que están ejerciendo esos derechos o participando en el proceso de la Junta Nacional de Relaciones del Trabajo (NLRB por sus siglas en ingles), la NLRB considerará la posibilidad de buscar un alivio migratorio para los empleados en ese lugar de trabajo, incluyendo la acción diferida, la libertad condicional, visas U o T u otro alivio en la medida en que esté disponible y sea apropiado. La NLRB no puede proporcionar asesoramiento de inmigración. Si necesita asesoramiento de inmigración, una lista de proveedores de servicios legales sin costo se encuentra disponible aquí (en inglés): https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers.

Para más información acerca de la NLRB, por favor visite nuestra página web, www.nlrb.gov.