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Lubbock Federal Judge Grants Chamber's and Other Plaintiff's Request for Permanent National Injunction for the U.S. DOL Persuader Rule

Official Statement from Lubbock Chamber Chairwoman Beth Bridges on the summary judgment ruling

LUBBOCK, Texas – The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce releases statement from Chairwoman Beth Bridges on the permanent national injunction entered today by Senior U.S. District Judge Samuel R. Cummings blocking the U.S. Department of Labor Persuader Rule.

Beth Bridges, Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Chairwoman:

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce is pleased with today's summary judgment ruling from the United States District Court, which closed the case at the trial court level and entered a permanent nationwide injunction against the U.S. Department of Labor's new "Persuader Rule" executive order. This new rule sought to strip away the rights of trade associations and small businesses to speak to members and receive confidential legal counsel in the face of union organizing drives. The Department of Labor's new rule thus violated the rights of businesses and organizations like the Chamber to freely associate and speak with legal counsel and the Chamber's members under the First Amendment to the Constitution. We look forward to successfully defending this final summary judgment on appeal.

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce represents over 2,000 businesses and over 79,000 employees on the South Plains which accounts for over \$2 billion in annual household earnings in Lubbock and West Texas. The Chamber has twice earned the distinguished 5-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and is a two-time Chamber of the Year recognized by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

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