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Dear Senator,

Calling on the Australian Senate to reject the *Ensuring Integrity Bill*

I write on behalf of [name of union, country] to express our deep concern about the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2019* currently before the Australian Senate. We believe this legislation will not only detrimentally impact Australian workers but will have a negative impact on the struggle for workers' rights globally.

This extreme bill will undermine workplace safety, make it harder for workers to get pay increases and be represented in the workplace. We believe that *Ensuring Integrity* is undemocratic and is an attack on the rights of working people in Australia to join, run and be represented by the union of their choice. This bill allows not just government ministers the ability to take action in court to have a union shut down and to have union officers disqualified, but any person with a 'sufficient interest' – a category that could include employers. It would see elected union leaders disqualified and unions deregistered and shut down for acting in the interest of their members.

The *Ensuring Integrity Bill* violates the International Labour Organization's *Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention (No. 87)* and the *Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention (No. 98)*. If a democratic country like Australia can pass such draconian laws, it sets a bad precedent and is detrimental to the struggle for workers' rights globally.

As such, we call on the Australian Senate to respect international labour law and reject the *Ensuring Integrity Bill*.

I look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,