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FORUM

At 70, Should the National Labor Relations Act Be Retired?

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The original Wagner Act of 1935 turns 70 this year. Fed up with judicial reinterpretations that weaken worker protections, delays of the National Labor Relations Board, and ineffective remedies, labor leaders have long pursued organizing strategies outside the Act’s processes. Some have called for protests in Board offices; others, for outright repeal. Are they right? Do the prospects for legislative reform remain dim, and if so, can the Board and the courts be persuaded to do the job instead? Is the Act worth saving? These papers address those questions.