Maine workers filed 14 representation cases with the National Labor Relations Board in FY22, an increase of 367% compared to the previous fiscal year. Maine workers filed 49 unfair labor practice charges against employers, an increase of 36% compared to the previous fiscal year. Among all states and territories, Maine workers ranked 1st in representation cases and 13th in unfair labor practice charges at the NLRB.

Unfair labor practices (ULP) include, but are not limited to, firing employees for organizing a union, retaliating against workers for supporting a union, or refusing to bargain with an established union.

Representation cases are petitions for the NLRB to conduct an election in which employees vote on whether to unionize and bargain collectively with their employer. Employees, employers, and unions may file these petitions.
STATES/TERRITORIES RANKED BY INCREASE IN NLRB REPRESENTATION CASES BETWEEN FY21 AND FY22 (%)

STATES/TERRITORIES RANKED BY INCREASE IN NLRB ULP CHARGES FILED BETWEEN FY21 AND FY22 (%)