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## NFIB Endorses Right to Work Legislation

Concord – Today, the New Hampshire chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business endorsed the passage of House Bill 474, which is relative to freedom of choice of whether to join a labor union.

The 1500 member NFIB organization represents New Hampshire’s broadest cross section of small businesses in the state and it supports the passage of the “Right to Work” legislation that overwhelmingly passed the House and Senate.

“The right to work legislation that is pending gives employees a choice,” said Bruce Berke, NFIB New Hampshire’s State Director. “If someone chooses to work for a business that is later unionized, that employee should not be forced to either join that union or pay fees to support that union.”

“Giving employees a choice in a matter such as supporting or not supporting big labor is empowering to those employees and should be permitted under our state’s laws,” Berke said.

Studies have shown that so-called right to work states perform better economically than states that require union membership in workplaces that are organized. Berke said, “People are moving to states where they have a ‘right to work’ law rather than being encumbered by unwanted union involvement in their work life. Additionally, a study by economist Richard Vedder, found that workers in right to work states experienced a 23% faster increase in per capita income over the 30 years between 1977 and 2007.” Mr. Vedder also pointed out that the northeast and Midwest lost the most jobs in recent years and most of those states have mandatory union membership laws.

“NFIB-NH urges legislators to override the Governor’s veto to allow the free market to dictate whether a business organizes or not and to let the individual worker at that business decide whether membership in the union is the best choice for him or her.”

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