



HOW CONGRESS VOTED[®]

117TH CONGRESS PRE-ELECTION REPORT
January 3, 2021 to August 8, 2022

**YOU NEED AN
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NFIB LOOKING OUT
FOR YOU.**

NFIB makes it easy for you to continue monitoring Congress at NFIB.com/VoteReport to see how your lawmakers treat small business in the coming months.

HAVE THEY EARNED YOUR VOTE?

In keeping with our promise to help our members make informed decisions at the polls, NFIB presents this special pre-election report of How Congress Voted. This election-year report cuts through the rhetoric of campaigns and looks at the legislative records: how your U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives voted on key small business issues during the current (117th) Congress. (Note: This report represents NFIB Key Votes taken prior to August 8, 2022. NFIB will issue a final report at the end of the 117th Congress.)

Lawmakers who vote with small businesses on key issues 70 percent or more of the time during the 117th Congress earn NFIB’s Guardian of Small Business Award. Just as important, this report highlights lawmakers who not only failed to earn a Guardian Award, but who actually voted against small business issues a majority of the time.

This special NFIB member report should come as no surprise to lawmakers. NFIB asks lawmakers to support the consensus views of our members. We also remind legislators that their votes are being monitored and will be reported back to NFIB members.

Now it’s up to you – the small business owner.

Many of the lawmakers listed here are asking to be sent back to Washington, DC for the next Congress. Before you go to the polls, decide if they have earned the opportunity.

HOW TO READ THIS REPORT>>

Names of lawmakers who earned a Guardian of Small Business Award in the 117th Congress appear in **green**.

Names of lawmakers who did not earn a Guardian of Small Business Award in the 117th Congress appear in **black**.

Voting percentages of lawmakers who also served in the prior (116th) Congress are in the **white column**.

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	117th	116th			117th	116th			
	%	%			%	%			
AL			CA						
1 Carl	100	N/A	1 Ladd	100	100	25	Carlatel	14	40
2 Moore	100	N/A	2 Huffman	17	40	26	Brownley	14	100
3 Rogers, M.	100	89	3 Garamendi	14	40	27	Chu	14	40
4 Adenholt	100	90	4 McCrory	80	89	28	Schiff	14	40
5 Brooks, M.	100	90	5 Thompson, M.	14	40	29	Cardenas	14	33
6 Palmer	100	100	6 Matsui	14	40	30	Sherman	14	40
7 Sewell	14	44	7 Bera	14	40	31	Aguilar	14	40
AK			8 Obernolte	100	N/A	32	Napolitano	14	33
(A) Young Donat	80	89	9 McHenry	14	40	33	Lieu	14	33
AZ			10 Harder	14	40	34	Gomez	14	40
1 O'Halleran	14	40	11 DeSaulnier	14	33	35	Torres	14	40
2 Kinspatrick	14	44	12 Pelosi	9	43	36	Ruiz	14	40
3 Grijalva	14	33	13 Lee, B.	14	40	37	Bass	14	40
4 Gohmert	100	90	14 Speier	14	40	38	Salazar	14	40
5 Biggs	100	80	15 Swellwell	14	44	39	Kim	100	N/A
6 Schweikert	100	90	16 Costa	14	40	40	Reyes-Alford	14	40
7 Gallego	14	40	17 Khanna	14	40	41	Talano	14	44
8 Lesko	100	100	18 Eshoo	14	40	42	Calvert	100	100
9 Stanton	14	40	19 Lofgren	14	33	43	Waters	14	40
AR			20 Fawcett	14	40	44	Barraghen	14	33
1 Crawford	100	100	21 Valadao	100	N/A	45	Porter	14	40
2 Hill	100	100	22 Conway*	100	N/A	46	Correa	14	40
3 Warnock	100	100	23 Nunes*	100	100	47	Lowenthal	14	33
4 Westerman	100	100	24 McCrory	100	100	48	Steele	100	N/A

The following are descriptions of the seven bills designated as **NFIB Key Votes** used to compile your U.S. Representative's NFIB Pre-Election Voting Record for the 117th Congress.

1. American Rescue Plan Act (H.R. 1319)

NFIB opposed H.R. 1319, sponsored by Rep. John Yarmuth (KY-3). The bill included the *Raise the Wage Act*, which would immediately increase the federal minimum wage by more than 30 percent, increase it to \$15 per hour in four years, and automatically increase the federal minimum wage threshold every subsequent year. Also, the bill would eliminate the federal minimum tipped wage. Passed 219-212. *The Raise the Wage Act was removed from the American Rescue Plan Act in the Senate before the legislation was signed into law on March 11, 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In a January 2021 NFIB survey titled, "COVID-19: PPP, ERTC, the Economy, the Vaccine, and Minimum Wage," 74 percent of small business owners reported that increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour would negatively impact their business. Of those impacted, 58 percent report that they would reduce the number of employees, 60 percent would reduce employees' hours, and 67 percent would leave open positions unfilled. Additionally, in an NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 569), 92 percent of NFIB members oppose increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

2. Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act (H.R. 842)

NFIB opposed H.R. 842, sponsored by Rep. Bobby Scott (VA-3). This legislation would dramatically upend long-standing employment law in favor of labor unions at the expense of small businesses and employees. Passed 225-206. *While the PRO Act passed the House, it has not received consideration in the Senate.*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In NFIB Member Ballots, 92 percent of NFIB members oppose legislation that allows unions to picket an employer's suppliers and customers during a labor dispute (Vol. 573); 93 percent of NFIB members oppose requiring employers to provide the personal contact information of their employees to union organizers (Vol. 575); and 89 percent of NFIB members oppose requiring a contractor to be responsible for a subcontractor's hiring practices (Vol. 567).

3. Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Extension Act (H.R. 1799)

NFIB supported H.R. 1799, sponsored by Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux (GA-7). The bill extended authorization for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) beyond March 31, 2021. Passed 415-3. *The PPP Extension Act was approved by both the House and Senate and was signed into law on March 30, 2021 (Public Law No. 117-6).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In NFIB's February 2021 Small Business Economic Trends survey, small business optimism remained below its historic 47-year average. Small business owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months remained at a net negative 19 percent, a poor reading.

4. Paycheck Fairness Act (H.R. 7)

NFIB opposed H.R. 7, sponsored by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT-3). The bill would make legitimate business-related pay differences difficult to defend in court, invite frivolous lawsuits against small business owners, and prohibit common hiring practices that

Each description includes NFIB's position on the issue, as well as the NFIB Member Ballot or other research that determined that position.

help small businesses identify qualified employees. Passed 217-210. *While the Paycheck Fairness Act was approved by the House, it did not pass the Senate (failed 49-50).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In an NFIB member ballot (Vol. 575), 79 percent of NFIB members believe that small employers should not be prohibited from asking prospective employees about wage and salary history.

5. Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Resolution (S. Con. Res. 14)

NFIB opposed S. Con. Res. 14, sponsored by Rep. Joe Neguse (CO-2). This budget resolution contains instructions giving broad authority to raise taxes and create new mandates on small businesses under expedited procedures. Passed 220-212. *The FY2022 Budget Resolution was approved by both the House and Senate, setting up the procedure to consider legislation using the budget reconciliation process (simple majority vote).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In an NFIB 2021 Tax Survey, small business owners shared that federal business income taxes were the most burdensome tax on both a financial and administrative basis. Additionally, in a recent NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 578), 90 percent of NFIB members believe that small employers should be exempt from paid sick and family leave mandates.

6. Build Back Better Act (H.R. 5376)

NFIB opposed H.R. 5376, sponsored by Rep. John Yarmuth (KY-3). The bill would increase taxes, impose new mandates, and increase penalties on small business owners. Passed 220-213. *The Build Back Better Act passed the House, but was changed considerably and renamed the Inflation Reduction Act by the Senate before being signed into law on August 16, 2022 (Public Law No. 117-169). The direct tax increases and mandates on small businesses were removed from the legislation.*

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578), 90 percent of NFIB members believe that small employers should be exempt from paid sick and family leave mandates.

7. Schakowsky Amendment (Amdt. 3 to H.R. 7900)

NFIB opposed the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act sponsored by Rep. Jan Schakowsky (IL-9). The amendment would require the Department of Defense (DOD) to give preference to businesses that have entered into agreements with unions to perform work on a project. Passed 220-209. *While the NDAA passed by the House, it has not been considered in the Senate.*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In an NFIB member ballot (Vol. 578), 92 percent opposed excluding non-union workers from participating in federally funded projects.

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	117th	116th
	%	%
AL		
1 Carl	100	N/A
2 Moore	100	N/A
3 Rogers, M.	100	89
4 Aderholt	100	90
5 Brooks, M.	100	90
6 Palmer	100	100
7 Sewell	14	44

AK		
(AL) Young Don#	80	89

AZ		
1 O'Halleran	14	40
2 Kirkpatrick	14	44
3 Grijalva	14	33
4 Gosar	100	90
5 Biggs	100	80
6 Schweikert	100	90
7 Gallego	14	40
8 Lesko	100	100
9 Stanton	14	40

AR		
1 Crawford	100	100
2 Hill	100	100
3 Womack	100	100
4 Westerman	100	100

	117th	116th
	%	%
CA		
1 LaMalfa	100	100
2 Huffman	17	40
3 Garamendi	14	40
4 McClintock	86	89
5 Thompson, M.	14	40
6 Matsui	14	40
7 Bera	14	40
8 Obernolte	100	N/A
9 McNerney	14	40
10 Harder	14	40
11 DeSaulnier	14	33
12 Pelosi	0	43
13 Lee, B.	14	40
14 Speier	14	40
15 Swalwell	14	44
16 Costa	14	40
17 Khanna	14	40
18 Eshoo	14	40
19 Lofgren	14	33
20 Panetta	14	40
21 Valadao	100	N/A
22 Conway*	100	N/A
22 Nunes*	100	100
23 McCarthy	100	100

	117th	116th
	%	%
24 Cárabajal	14	40
25 Garcia**	100	100
26 Brownley	14	40
27 Chu	14	40
28 Schiff	14	40
29 Cardenas	14	33
30 Sherman	14	40
31 Aguilar	14	40
32 Napolitano	14	33
33 Lieu	14	33
34 Gomez	14	40
35 Torres	14	40
36 Ruiz	14	40
37 Bass	14	40
38 Sánchez	14	40
39 Kim	100	N/A
40 Roybal-Allard	14	40
41 Takano	14	44
42 Calvert	100	100
43 Waters	14	40
44 Barragán	14	33
45 Porter	14	40
46 Correa	14	40
47 Lowenthal	14	33
48 Steel	100	N/A

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	117th	116th
	%	%
49 Levin	14	40
50 Issa	100	N/A
51 Vargas	14	40
52 Peters, S.	14	33
53 Jacobs	14	N/A

CO

1 DeGette	14	44
2 Neguse	14	40
3 Boebert	100	N/A
4 Buck	100	80
5 Lamborn	100	90
6 Crow	14	40
7 Perlmutter	14	40

CT

1 Larson, J.	14	40
2 Courtney	14	40
3 DeLauro	14	40
4 Himes	14	40
5 Hayes	14	40

DE

(AL) Blunt Rochester	14	40
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FL

1 Gaetz	100	89
2 Dunn	100	100
3 Cammack	100	N/A
4 Rutherford	100	89
5 Lawson	14	33
6 Waltz	100	90
7 Murphy	17	50
8 Posey	100	90
9 Soto	14	40
10 Demings	14	40
11 Webster	100	100
12 Bilirakis	100	100
13 Crist	14	40

	117th	116th
	%	%
14 Castor	14	40
15 Franklin	100	N/A
16 Buchanan	100	100
17 Steube	100	90
18 Mast	100	100
19 Donalds	100	N/A
20 Cherfilus-McCormick*	0	N/A
20 Hastings*	33	33
21 Frankel	14	40
22 Deutch	17	40
23 Wasserman Schultz	14	40
24 Wilson, F.	14	33
25 Diaz-Balart	100	90
26 Gimenez	100	N/A
27 Salazar	100	N/A

GA

1 Carter, Buddy	100	100
2 Bishop, S.	14	40
3 Ferguson	100	100
4 Johnson, H.	14	40
5 Williams	14	N/A
6 McBath	14	50
7 Bourdeaux	14	N/A
8 Scott, A.	100	90
9 Clyde	100	N/A
10 Hice	100	80
11 Loudermilk	100	88
12 Allen	100	100
13 Scott, D.	14	40
14 Greene	86	N/A

HI

1 Case	14	40
2 Kahele	14	N/A

ID

1 Fulcher	100	100
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	117th	116th
	%	%
2 Simpson	100	89

IL

1 Rush	14	40
2 Kelly, R.	14	40
3 Newman	14	N/A
4 Garcia	14	40
5 Quigley	14	40
6 Casten	14	40
7 Davis, D.	14	40
8 Krishnamoorthi	14	40
9 Schakowsky	14	44
10 Schneider	14	40
11 Foster	14	40
12 Bost	100	100
13 Davis, R.	100	90
14 Underwood	14	40
15 Miller	100	N/A
16 Kinzinger	100	100
17 Bustos	14	40
18 LaHood	100	100

IN

1 Mrvan	14	N/A
2 Walorski#	100	100
3 Banks	100	90
4 Baird	100	100
5 Spartz	100	N/A
6 Pence	100	100
7 Carson	14	40
8 Bucshon	100	100
9 Hollingsworth	100	89

IA

1 Hinson	100	N/A
2 Miller-Meeks	100	N/A
3 Axne	14	40
4 Feenstra	100	N/A

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	%	%
KS		
1 Mann	100	N/A
2 LaTurner	100	N/A
3 Davids	14	40
4 Estes	100	100

KY		
1 Comer	100	100
2 Guthrie	100	100
3 Yarmuth	14	40
4 Massie	86	67
5 Rogers, H.	100	100
6 Barr	100	100

LA		
1 Scalise	100	100
2 Carter, T.*	0	N/A
2 Richmond*	0	40
3 Higgins, C.	100	90
4 Johnson, M.	100	100
5 Letlow*	100	N/A
6 Graves, G.	100	90

ME		
1 Pingree	14	40
2 Golden	43	40

MD		
1 Harris, A.	100	90

	117th	116th
	%	%
2 Ruppersberger	14	40
3 Sarbanes	14	40
4 Brown, A.	14	44
5 Hoyer	14	40
6 Trone	14	40
7 Mfume**	14	100
8 Raskin	14	40

MA		
1 Neal	14	40
2 McGovern	14	40
3 Trahan	14	40
4 Auchincloss	14	N/A
5 Clark, K.	14	40
6 Moulton	14	44
7 Pressley	14	40
8 Lynch	14	40
9 Keating	14	40

MI		
1 Bergman	100	100
2 Huizenga	100	90
3 Meijer	100	N/A
4 Moolenaar	100	100
5 Kildee	14	40
6 Upton	86	80
7 Walberg	100	100

	117th	116th
	%	%
8 Slotkin	14	40
9 Levin	14	40
10 McClain	100	N/A
11 Stevens	14	40
12 Dingell	14	40
13 Tlaib	14	30
14 Lawrence	14	40

MN		
1 Hagedorn#	100	100
2 Craig	14	40
3 Phillips	14	40
4 McCollum	14	40
5 Omar	14	40
6 Emmer	100	100
7 Fischbach	100	N/A
8 Stauber	100	100

MS		
1 Kelly, T.	100	90
2 Thompson, B.	14	40
3 Guest	100	100
4 Palazzo	100	100

MO		
1 Bush	14	N/A
2 Wagner	100	90
3 Luetkemeyer	100	90

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	117th	116th
	%	%
4 Hartzler	100	100
5 Cleaver	14	44
6 Graves, S.	100	100
7 Long	100	100
8 Smith, J.	100	90
MT		
(AL) Rosendale	100	N/A
NE		
1 Flood*	100	N/A
1 Fortenberry*	100	100
2 Bacon	100	100
3 Smith, Adrian	100	100
NV		
1 Titus	14	40
2 Amodei	100	100
3 Lee, S.	14	40
4 Horsford	14	40
NH		
1 Pappas	14	40
2 Kuster	14	40
NJ		
1 Norcross	14	40
2 Van Drew	71	50
3 Kim	14	40
4 Smith, C.	71	50
5 Gottheimer	14	40
6 Pallone	14	40
7 Malinowski	14	40
8 Sires	14	40
9 Pascrell	14	40
10 Payne	14	40
11 Sherrill	14	40
12 Watson Coleman	14	40
NM		
1 Stansbury*	0	N/A

	117th	116th
	%	%
1 Haaland*	0	33
2 Herrell	100	N/A
3 Leger Fernandez	14	N/A
NY		
1 Zeldin	100	100
2 Garbarino	100	N/A
3 Suozzi	14	40
4 Rice, K.	29	40
5 Meeks	14	44
6 Meng	14	40
7 Velázquez	14	40
8 Jeffries	14	40
9 Clarke, Y.	0	40
10 Nadler	14	40
11 Malliotakis	86	N/A
12 Maloney, C.	14	40
13 Espaillat	14	40
14 Ocasio-Cortez	14	30
15 Torres	14	N/A
16 Bowman	14	N/A
17 Jones	14	N/A
18 Maloney, S.P.	14	40
19 Delgado*	17	40
20 Tonko	14	40
21 Stefanik	100	90
22 Tenney	100	N/A
23 Reed, T.*	100	90
24 Katko	71	67
25 Morelle	14	44
26 Higgins, B.	14	40
27 Jacobs**	100	100
NC		
1 Butterfield	14	40
2 Ross	14	N/A
3 Murphy, G.**	100	100

	117th	116th
	%	%
4 Price	14	40
5 Foxx	100	100
6 Manning	14	N/A
7 Rouzer	100	100
8 Hudson	100	100
9 Bishop**	100	80
10 McHenry	100	100
11 Cawthorn	100	N/A
12 Adams	14	40
13 Budd	100	90
ND		
(AL) Armstrong	100	89
OH		
1 Chabot	100	100
2 Wenstrup	100	100
3 Beatty	14	40
4 Jordan	100	90
5 Latta	100	100
6 Johnson, B.	100	100
7 Gibbs	100	100
8 Davidson	100	90
9 Kaptur	14	40
10 Turner	100	100
11 Brown*	0	N/A
11 Fudge*	0	40
12 Balderson	100	100
13 Ryan, T.	14	44
14 Joyce, David	100	100
15 Carey*	100	N/A
15 Stivers*	100	100
16 Gonzalez	100	100
OK		
1 Hern	100	100
2 Mullin	100	89
3 Lucas	100	100

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	%	%

4	Cole	100	100
5	Bice	100	N/A

OR

1	Bonamici	14	40
2	Bentz	100	N/A
3	Blumenauer	14	40
4	DeFazio	14	40
5	Schrader	43	60

PA

1	Fitzpatrick	57	50
2	Boyle	14	40
3	Evans	14	40
4	Dean	14	40
5	Scanlon	14	40
6	Houlahan	14	40
7	Wild	14	40
8	Cartwright	14	40
9	Meuser	100	100
10	Perry	100	90
11	Smucker	100	100
12	Keller	100	88
13	Joyce, John	100	100
14	Reschenthaler	100	100
15	Thompson, G.	100	100
16	Kelly, M.	100	100

	117th	116th
	%	%

17	Lamb	14	40
18	Doyle	14	40

RI

1	Cicilline	14	40
2	Langevin	14	40

SC

1	Mace	100	N/A
2	Wilson, J.	100	100
3	Duncan, Jeff	100	100
4	Timmons	100	88
5	Norman	100	90
6	Clyburn	14	44
7	Rice, T.	100	100

SD

(AL)	Johnson	100	100
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TN

1	Harshbarger	100	N/A
2	Burchett	100	90
3	Fleischmann	100	100
4	Desjarlais	100	89
5	Cooper	14	30
6	Rose	100	90
7	Green	100	90
8	Kustoff	100	90
9	Cohen	14	40

	117th	116th
	%	%

TX

1	Gohmert	100	90
2	Crenshaw	100	100
3	Taylor	100	90
4	Fallon	100	N/A
5	Gooden	100	90
6	Ellzey*	100	N/A
6	Wright*	0	100
7	Fletcher	14	40
8	Brady, K.	100	100
9	Green, A.	14	40
10	McCaul	100	90
11	Pfluger	100	N/A
12	Granger	100	88
13	Jackson	100	N/A
14	Weber	100	89
15	Gonzalez	14	50
16	Escobar	14	40
17	Sessions	100	N/A
18	Jackson Lee	14	44
19	Arrington	100	100
20	Castro	14	40
21	Roy	100	80
22	Nehls	100	N/A
23	Gonzales	100	N/A

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	117th	116th
	%	%
24 Van Duyne	100	N/A
25 Williams	100	90
26 Burgess	100	90
27 Cloud	100	90
28 Cuellar	43	60
29 Garcia	14	40
30 Johnson, E.B.	14	33
31 Carter, J.	100	100
32 Allred	14	40
33 Veasey	14	33
34 Vela*	17	40
34 Flores*	100	N/A
35 Doggett	14	33
36 Babin	100	89
UT		
1 Moore	100	N/A
2 Stewart	100	89
3 Curtis	100	89
4 Owens	100	N/A
VT		
(AL) Welch	14	40
VA		
1 Wittman	100	100
2 Luria	14	40
3 Scott, R.	14	40
4 McEachin	14	44
5 Good	100	N/A
6 Cline	100	100
7 Spanberger	14	40
8 Beyer	14	40
9 Griffith	100	89
10 Wexton	14	40
11 Connolly	14	40
WA		
1 DelBene	14	40

	117th	116th
	%	%
2 Larsen, R.	14	40
3 Herrera Beutler	100	90
4 Newhouse	100	100
5 McMorris Rodgers	100	100
6 Kilmer	14	40
7 Jayapal	14	40
8 Schrier	14	40
9 Smith, Adam	14	40
10 Strickland	14	N/A
WV		
1 McKinley	100	100
2 Mooney	100	90
3 Miller	100	100
WI		
1 Steil	100	90
2 Pocan	14	40
3 Kind	14	30
4 Moore	14	33
5 Fitzgerald	100	N/A
6 Grothman	100	90
7 Tiffany**	100	67
8 Gallagher	100	80
WY		
(AL) Cheney	100	90

The following are descriptions of the seven bills designated as **NFIB Key Votes** used to compile your U.S. Senators' NFIB Pre-Election Voting Record for the 117th Congress.

1. Rubio, Lankford, T. Scott Amendment (Amdt. 69 to S. Con. Res. 5)

NFIB supported the tax protection amendment, sponsored by Sens. Marco Rubio (FL), James Lankford (OK), and Tim Scott (SC). The amendment would protect small businesses from tax increases as they weather the continued economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Passed 100-0. *The amendment was adopted as part of the Senate Budget Resolution.*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In an NFIB 2021 Tax Survey, small business owners shared that federal business income taxes were the most burdensome tax on both a financial and administrative basis.

2. Sanders Amendment (S. Amdt. 972 to S. Amdt. 89)

NFIB opposed the minimum wage increase amendment, sponsored by Sen. Bernie Sanders (VT). The amendment would have added the Raise the Wage Act back into the American Rescue Plan Act after it was removed. The amendment would immediately increase the federal minimum wage by more than 30 percent, increase it to \$15 per hour in four years, and automatically

increase the federal minimum wage threshold every subsequent year. Also, the amendment would eliminate the federal minimum tipped wage. Failed 42-58. *The amendment was rejected and the \$15 per hour federal minimum wage increase was not included in the American Rescue Plan Act, which was signed into law on March 11, 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In a January 2021 NFIB survey titled, "COVID-19: PPP, ERTC, the Economy, the Vaccine, and Minimum Wage," 74 percent of small business owners reported that increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour would negatively impact their business. Of those impacted, 58 percent report that they would reduce the number of employees, 60 percent would reduce employees' hours, and 67 percent would leave open positions unfilled. Additionally, in an NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 569), 92 percent of NFIB members oppose increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

3. Portman Amendment (S. Amdt. 1092 to H.R. 1319)

NFIB supported the amendment sponsored by Sen. Rob Portman (OH). The amendment would decrease supplemental federal pandemic unemployment

compensation from \$400 per week to \$300 per week and shorten the extension of the supplemental benefits. Passed 50-49. *The amendment was accepted, and the lower weekly supplemental unemployment insurance payments were incorporated into the American Rescue Plan Act, which was signed into law on March 11, 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In an August 2020 NFIB survey titled, "Covid-19 Small Business Survey (11) – PPP, EIDL, Unemployment Insurance, the Economy," these expanded benefits presented a significant challenge to some small business owners trying to fill open positions. About one-third (32 percent) of small business owners reported that the extra \$600 per week hurt their business by making it harder to hire or re-hire workers.

Additionally, in NFIB's March 2021 Jobs Report, 56 percent of small business owners reported hiring or trying to hire in February.

4. Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Extension Act (H.R. 1799)

NFIB supported H.R. 1799, sponsored by Rep. Carolyn Bourdeaux (GA-7). The bill extended authorization for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) beyond

Each description includes NFIB's position on the issue, as well as the NFIB Member Ballot or other research that determined that position.

March 31, 2021. Passed 92-7. *The PPP Extension Act was approved by both the House and Senate and was signed into law on March 30, 2021 (Public Law No. 117-6).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In NFIB's February 2021 Small Business Economic Trends survey, small business optimism remained below its historic 47-year average. Small business owners expecting better business conditions over the next six months remained at a net negative 19 percent, a poor reading.

5. Thune Amendment (Amdt. 3106 to S. Con. Res. 14)

NFIB supported the tax protection amendment sponsored by Sen. John Thune (SD). This amendment would protect the ability of family-owned businesses and farms to pass business assets from one generation to the next without incurring a devastating capital gains tax burden. Passed 99-0. *The amendment was accepted as part of the Senate Budget Resolution.*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In an NFIB 2021 Tax Survey, one-third (33 percent) of small business owners plan to pass their business to a family member. If capital gains tax were assessed at the time of business inheritance, small business owners were most likely (38 percent) to believe

family members inheriting the business would have to take out a loan to pay the tax, another 26 percent anticipate that family members would sell part of the business.

6. Congressional Disapproval of COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard (S. J. Res. 29)

NFIB supported the regulation protection resolution sponsored by Sen. Mike Braun (IN). The joint resolution provided for congressional disapproval of the Biden Administration's vaccine and testing mandate. Passed 52-48. *The U.S. Supreme Court provided a stay from the Administration's ETS and cited the joint resolution in their decision.*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In NFIB's Jobs Report from November 2021, 48 percent of all small business owners reported job openings they could not fill. Moreover, 29 percent of owners reported labor quality as their top business problem in November, a 48-year record high.

7. Crapo Amendment Small Business Audit Protection (Amdt. 5404 to HR 5376)

NFIB supported the amendment to the *Inflation Reduction Act* sponsored by Senator Mike Crapo (ID). The amendment would have protected small businesses earning less than \$400,000 from costly and burdensome Internal Revenue Service (IRS) audits. Rejected 50-50. *The amendment was rejected from the Inflation Reduction Act, which was signed into law on August 16, 2022 (Public Law No. 117-169).*

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In NFIB's most recent tax survey, small business owners reported federal business income taxes had the highest administrative burden.

Additionally, in NFIB Research Center's March COVID-19 survey, 22 percent of members surveyed have attempted to contact the IRS for information related to their businesses in the last 12 months and 64 percent of these respondents reported that the experience was not helpful at all.

YOUR SENATORS ON SMALL BUSINESS

VOTE KEY

- Names printed in **green** indicate winners of NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award. Lawmakers must score 70 percent or above on key small business votes to receive the award.
- The **gray column** indicates voting percentages for members of the 117th Congress.
- The **white column** indicates voting percentages for Senators of the 116th Congress.

N/A Senator did not serve in the 116th Congress.

***** Senator served a partial term in the 117th Congress or was not present for 70 percent of Key Votes.

****** Senator served a partial term in the 116th Congress.

Senator was a House member during the 116th Congress; percentage reflects House voting percentage.

	117th	116th
	%	%

AL

Shelby	86	100
Tuberville	100	N/A

AK

Murkowski	100	100
Sullivan	100	100

AZ

Sinema	57	25
Kelly**	43	100

AR

Boozman	100	100
Cotton	100	100

CA

Feinstein	43	20
Padilla	43	N/A

CO

Bennet	43	20
Hickenlooper	43	N/A

CT

Blumenthal	43	20
Murphy, C.	43	20

DE

Carper	57	20
Coons	57	20

	117th	116th
	%	%

FL

Rubio	100	100
Scott, Rick	100	75

GA

Ossoff	43	N/A
Warnock	43	N/A

HI

Schatz	43	20
Hirono	43	20

ID

Crapo	86	100
Risch	86	100

IL

Durbin	43	20
Duckworth	43	20

IN

Young, T.	100	100
Braun	100	100

IA

Grassley	100	100
Ernst	100	100

KS

Moran	100	100
Marshall	100	100#

	117th	116th
	%	%

KY

McConnell	100	100
Paul	86	33

LA

Cassidy	100	100
Kennedy, John	100	100

ME

Collins	100	80
King, A.	57	20

MD

Cardin	43	20
Van Hollen	43	20

MA

Warren	43	20
Markey	43	20

MI

Stabenow	43	20
Peters, G.	43	40

MN

Klobuchar	43	20
Smith	43	20

MS

Wicker	100	100
Hyde-Smith	100	100

YOUR SENATORS ON SMALL BUSINESS

	117th	116th
	%	%
MO		
Blunt	100	100
Hawley	86	100
MT		
Tester	71	20
Daines	100	100
NE		
Fischer	100	100
Sasse	100	100
NV		
Cortez Masto	43	20
Rosen	43	20
NH		
Shaheen	57	40
Hassan	57	40
NJ		
Menendez	43	20
Booker	43	20
NM		
Heinrich	43	20
Lujan**	43	40#
NY		
Schumer	43	20
Gillibrand	43	20
NC		
Burr	100	100
Tillis	100	100
ND		
Hoeven	100	100
Cramer**	100	100
OH		
Brown, S.	43	20
Portman	100	100

	117th	116th
	%	%
OK		
Inhofe	100	100
Lankford	100	100
OR		
Wyden	43	20
Merkley	43	20
PA		
Casey	43	20
Toomey	100	100
RI		
Reed, J.	43	20
Whitehouse	43	20
SC		
Graham, L.	100	100
Scott, T.	100	100
SD		
Thune	100	100
Rounds	100	100
TN		
Blackburn	100	80
Hagerty	100	N/A
TX		
Cornyn	100	100
Cruz	86	80
UT		
Lee, M.	86	75
Romney	100	100
VT		
Leahy	43	20
Sanders	43	20
VA		
Warner	43	40
Kaine	43	20

	117th	116th
	%	%
WA		
Murray	43	20
Cantwell	43	20
WV		
Manchin	86	40
Capito	100	100
WI		
Johnson, R.	100	80
Baldwin	43	20
WY		
Barrasso	100	100
Lummis	100	N/A



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