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Johnson Honored as "Champion of Small Business"

NFIB Hails Johnson for "Rock-Solid" Pro-Small Business Record

NEW BRITAIN, CT – The nation's largest coalition of small businesses today honored Congresswoman Nancy Johnson with its "Guardian of Small Business" award.

NFIB, the National Federation of Independent Business, honored Johnson with the award for her "outstanding voting record on behalf of America's small-business owners."

"Small businesses and manufacturers are the backbone of Connecticut's economy," Johnson said. "I have led the fight to keep taxes low for small businesses and bring down high health care and insurance costs so they have the muscle to grow and create jobs in the Fifth District. I thank NFIB for this honor and look forward to continuing our work on behalf of Connecticut's small businesses."

NFIB President and CEO Jack Faris praised Johnson for "taking a stand" for small business, citing her "rock-solid," 92 percent pro-small business voting record.

"Representative Johnson is a stalwart champion of small business, having stood strong on the key small-business votes in the 108th Congress," Faris said. "This award conveys our appreciation for supporting the NFIB pro-growth agenda."

NFIB's voting record tallies twelve key small-business votes in the U.S. House of Representatives taken during the 2003 and 2004 sessions. Issues range from tax relief to affordable health care, as well as liability and regulatory reform.

NFIB highlighted Johnson's key votes for the passage of small business health plans, and the Jobs and Growth Act of 2003, which accelerated income tax cuts enacted in 2001 for all taxpayers and included key tax provisions to help small businesses invest in themselves and create jobs. The overwhelming number of NFIB members pay taxes as individual income tax filers and benefitted from recent tax relief legislation.

The National Federation of Independent Business is the nation's largest coalition of small businesses. A non-profit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members.