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Earns 100 percent rating for support of measures to make it easier for small businesses to grow and create jobs

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WASHINGTON – Congressman Charles F. Bass (NH-02) was honored by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) with their "Guardian of Small Business" Award yesterday for his support of pro-growth policies that will help small businesses succeed.

NFIB is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association that advocates on behalf of the nation's small businesses. The award is given to Members of Congress who voted favorably on key small business issues at least 70 percent of the time during the 112th Congress.

Bass said:

"Having built a small business myself, I understand the unique challenges facing small business owners, particularly in this tough economic climate. From Colebrook to Salem, countless small business owners have told me time and again of the uncertainty they are facing because of overhanded government regulations from Washington, especially the costly and expansive new health care law. With small businesses creating the majority of new jobs in our state and driving New Hampshire's economic engine, we need to make it easier for them to grow. I'm honored to be recognized by NFIB for my efforts and will continue standing on the side of small businesses everywhere."

Bass earned a 100 percent rating from NFIB for his support of measures to protect small businesses and make it easier for them to grow and create jobs, including: repealing the new health care law; repealing the burdensome tax paperwork requirement under the new health care law; supporting a balanced budget amendment; repealing the costly 2.3 percent tax on medical device manufacturers in the new health care law, which could jeopardize 3,700 jobs in New Hampshire alone; and supporting legislation to reduce regulatory burdens on small businesses, among other bills.

Dan Danner, the President and CEO of NFIB, said, "In the 112th Congress, Representative Charles Bass proved he is a champion of small business. The Guardian of Small Business Award is a legislative award given to U.S. Representatives and Senators who vote to promote and protect the right of small-business owners to own, operate and grow their businesses."

A complete list of the votes used in determining NFIB's rankings can be found at <http://www.NFIB.com/congvote>.

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