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**NFIB Press Release
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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) -- The National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's leading small business association, today named U.S. Rep. Jason Altmire (PA-04) a Guardian of Small Business for his outstanding voting record on behalf of America's small business owners in the 111th Congress.

NFIB President and CEO Dan Danner praised Rep. Altmire for "standing up for small business."

In presenting the group's coveted Guardian of Small Business award, Danner said:

"Small business owners pay close attention to how their lawmakers vote on the issues affecting their businesses. The Guardian award is a symbol of sincere appreciation from the small business community for votes that supported their ability to own, operate and grow their businesses.

"Small business owners are also known to show their gratitude or disappointment at the ballot box. This November, NFIB members will know that Rep. Altmire's voting record is one of a true small business champion."

In all, NFIB will present Guardian awards to 202 representatives who voted favorably on key small business issues at least 70 percent of the time during the 111th Congress.

EDITOR'S NOTE: To view "How Congress Voted," which has the key small business votes and voting percentages for each lawmaker, go to <http://www.NFIB.com/hcv>

NFIB is the nation's leading small business association, with offices in Washington, D.C. and all 50 state capitals. Founded in 1943 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, NFIB gives small and independent business owners a voice in shaping the public policy issues that affect their business. NFIB's powerful network of grassroots activists send their views directly to state and federal lawmakers through our unique member-only ballot, thus playing a critical role in supporting America's free enterprise system.

NFIB's mission is to promote and protect the right of our members to own, operate and grow their businesses. More information about NFIB is available online at www.NFIB.com/newsroom