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NFIB/Arizona Announces Endorsements of 44 Legislative Candidates

Small Business Backing a Boon to Candidates Who Earn Its Support

PHOENIX, Ariz., July 7, 2010 – The political action committee of Arizona’s leading small business association today announced its endorsements of 44 candidates for the Arizona Senate and House of Representatives.

The principal standard used to evaluate incumbents was their voting records on 15 bills supported or opposed by the National Federation of Independent Business during the 2009-2010 regular sessions. Endorsements for non-incumbent candidates were based on the quality of their answers on a questionnaire. The endorsements were formally issued the NFIB/Arizona Save America’s Free Enterprise (SAFE) Trust, the organization’s political action committee, and represent the culmination of the pre-primary phase of the candidate evaluation process. There may be further endorsements in select legislative and statewide races after the August 24th primary elections. NFIB/Arizona represents 7,500 member businesses. The endorsed candidates are:

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| LD1 Senate: Sen. Steve Pierce | LD10 House: Kimberly Yee | LD21 Senate: Rep. Steve Yarbrough |
| LD1 House: Rep. Andy Tobin | LD11 Senate: Rep. Adam Driggs | LD21 House: Tom Forese |
| LD1 House: Karen Fann | LD11 House: Shawna Bolick | LD21 House: J.D. Mesnard |
| LD3 Senate: Sen. Ron Gould | LD11 House: Kate McGee | LD22 Senate: Rep. Andy Biggs |
| LD3 House: Rep. Nancy McLain | LD12 Senate: Sen. John Nelson | LD22 House: Rep. Laurin Hendrix |
| LD3 House: Rep. Doris Goodale | LD12 House: Rep. Jerry Weiers | LD23 House: Rep. Frank Pratt |
| LD4 House: Sen. Jack Harper | LD12 House: Rep. Steve Montenegro | LD24 House: Rep. Russ Jones |
| LD4 House: Rep. Judy Burges | LD16 Senate: Sen. Leah Landrum-Taylor | LD25 Senate: Gail Griffin |
| LD8 Senate: Rep. Michele Reagan | LD17 Senate: Wendy Rogers | LD25 House: Rep. David Stevens |
| LD8 House: Rep. John Kavanagh | LD18 Senate: Sen. Russell Pearce | LD26 Senate: Sen. Al Melvin |
| LD8 House: Michael Blaire | LD18 House: Rep. Cecil Ash | LD26 House: Rep. Vic Williams |
| LD9 Senate: Rep. Rick Murphy | LD18 House: Rep. Steve Court | LD26 House: Terri Proud |
| LD9 House: Rep. Debbie Lesko | LD19 Senate: Rep. Rich Crandall | LD30 House: Rep. David Gowan |
| LD10 Senate: Sen. Linda Gray | LD19 House: Speaker Kirk Adams | LD30 House: Rep. Ted Vogt |
| LD10 House: Rep. Jim Weiers | LD20 Senate: Rep. John McComish | |

The political clout of small business is more influential than most people know:

- In April, the Pew Research Center released a study on the negative and positive views people hold on various American institutions. Small business came out first, 39 percentage points higher than labor unions, 46 points higher than large corporations, and 49 points higher than banks and financial institutions.
- Small business owners comprise 15 percent of all registered voters in the U.S., by comparison union voters make up 11.9 percent. When small business employees are added, the small business voting bloc swells to 43 percent.
- The most common public affairs and political activities in which small employers engage, according to the NFIB Research Foundation, include initiating discussions with employees regarding the impact of a policy issue on the firm.
- Voters prefer candidates supported by small business by a margin of 3 to 1 over those supported by organized labor, according to the Winston Group

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