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## Senate File 44 (Rest)

Chair Rest and Senate Taxes Committee Members -

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) represents more than 10,000 small and independently owned businesses across Minnesota. Our mission is to promote and protect the rights of our members to own, operate, and grow their businesses.

**NFIB is pleased to support Senate File 44**, which establishes a vendor allowance for retailers who collect state sales tax. In addition to paying sales tax on the purchase of taxable supplies, equipment, or inventory for their own use, small businesses also act as the State's sales tax collection agent. This responsibility requires small businesses to incur additional costs associated with administration and compliance efforts, including recordkeeping, reporting, and auditing.

Small businesses in Minnesota continue to face significant headwinds in the form of higher costs, increased regulation, and burdensome mandates. In the most recent edition of NFIB's Small Business Economic Trends, 18% of small businesses surveyed continue to report that inflation is the single most important problem in operating their business. Senate File 44 recognizes the costs that small business owners incur due to the obligations imposed on them by the State and provides them with much needed relief.

In light of the obstacles facing small business owners, we urge the committee to support the important financial relief provided in Senate File 44.

Sincerely,

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