



April 4, 2017

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, I am writing in support of the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court.

After an extensive review of Judge Gorsuch's articles, decisions, and public statements, NFIB is pleased to see a judge who both applies the actual text of the law and the original meaning of that text at the time it became law, rather than changing it to fit his personal views and preferences. Consequently, **the cloture vote on the nomination of Judge Gorsuch to the U.S. Supreme Court will be considered an NFIB Key Vote for the 115th Congress.**

As the lead plaintiff in the historic challenge to the Affordable Care Act, *NFIB v. Sebelius*, NFIB understands first-hand the importance one justice can have on the ability of small businesses to own, operate, and grow their businesses.

Specifically, small businesses are encouraged by three qualities Judge Gorsuch has brought to the bench. First, his opinions are clear and often provide bright-line rules. Second, Judge Gorsuch has a deep respect for the separation of powers. Third, Judge Gorsuch has shown a willingness to tackle the difficult legal issues of our day head on; namely, he has affirmatively questioned whether the U.S. Supreme Court should revisit the *Chevron* doctrine.

NFIB strongly supports the nominee and urges swift Senate confirmation. **Cloture on the nomination will be considered an NFIB Key Vote for the 115th Congress.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Juanita D. Duggan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Juanita D. Duggan
President & CEO
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