



September 23, 2008

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House  
H-232 Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
S-221 Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Boehner  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House  
H-204 Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
S-230 Capitol Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear House and Senate Leadership:

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, we appreciate the efforts of Congress and the Administration to stabilize the nation's financial system.

At the same time, NFIB believes the weight of these stabilization proposals must not fall excessively on the nation's small businesses, including the community banks from which they borrow. It is critical for our leaders to contain and limit Wall Street's problems while not threatening the small businesses and community banks who have managed their balance sheets more responsibly than the large institutions at the center of this crisis. The steps being taken to avoid draining funds out of community banks and into the Guaranty Program for Money Market Mutual Funds are important to small business. Community banks supply vital credit to small business- the engine of job growth for the U.S. economy. In good times, small businesses generate 2/3 of the country's net new jobs; at present, virtually all new jobs come from small businesses.

America's small businesses and community banks must not be asked to finance golden parachutes for the Wall Street CEOs who created the current financial crisis. NFIB will carefully monitor ongoing developments and will maintain close contact with its small business members, with community bankers, and with leaders on Capitol Hill as this issue moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Danner". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Dan Danner  
Executive Vice President  
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