



HOW CONGRESS VOTED®

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114TH CONGRESS
PRE-ELECTION REPORT
JANUARY 6, 2015 TO JULY 15, 2016

HAVE THEY EARNED YOUR VOTE?

In keeping with our promise to help our members make informed decisions at the polls, NFIB presents this special pre-election voting guide of How Congress Voted. This election-year report cuts through the rhetoric of campaigns and looks at the hard facts: how your U.S. Senators and Representatives voted on small business issues during the 114th Congress. (Note: This report represents NFIB Key Votes taken prior to July 15, 2016. NFIB will issue a final report at the end of the 114th Congress.)

Lawmakers who vote with small business on key issues 70 percent or more of the time during the 114th Congress earn NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award. Just as important, this report also highlights lawmakers who not only didn't earn a Guardian Award, but who actually voted against small business issues a majority of the time.

This special NFIB member report should come as no surprise to lawmakers. NFIB asks lawmakers to support the consensus views of our members. We also remind them that their votes are being monitored and will be reported back to NFIB members.

Now it's up to you – the small business owner.

Many of the lawmakers listed here are asking to be sent back to Washington for the next Congress. Before you go to the polls, decide if they have earned the chance.

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NFIB makes it easy for you to continue monitoring them at www.NFIB.com to see how they treat small business in the coming months.

HOW TO READ THIS REPORT>>

What the Charts in How Congress Voted® Show

Names and voting percentages of lawmakers who earned a Guardian Award in the 114th Congress appear in **green**.

Names and voting percentages of lawmakers who did not earn a Guardian Award in the 114th Congress appear in **red**.

Voting percentages of lawmakers who also served in the **113th** Congress appear in **blue**.

VOTE KEY	
Names and percentages printed in green indicate winners of NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award. Lawmakers must score 70 percent or above on key small business votes to receive the award.	N/A Member who did not serve in the 113th Congress.
Names and percentages in red did not win NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award.	Member served a partial term in the 114th Congress.
Blue indicates voting percentages for members of the 113th Congress.	Member served a partial term in the 113th Congress.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ON SMALL BUSINESS

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The following are descriptions of the 14 bills designated as NFIB Key Votes used to compile your lawmaker's NFIB Pre-Election Voting Record for the 114th Congress. Each description includes NFIB's position on the issue, as well as the NFIB Member Ballot and research that determined that position.

1. Save American Workers Act (H.R. 30)

NFIB supported H.R. 30, sponsored by Rep. Todd Young (IN-9). The bill would change the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's (ACA) definition of a full-time work week from 30 to 40 hours. The bill passed 252-172.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In a February 2014 NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 564), 68 percent of NFIB members agreed that Congress should change the full-time employee definition, for the purposes of the ACA, from 30 hours per week to 40 hours per week.

2. Keystone XL Pipeline Act (H.R. 3)

NFIB supported H.R. 3, sponsored by **NFIB Member** Rep. Kevin Cramer (ND-AL). The bill would address regulatory and legal delays by ensuring the pipeline would move forward in compliance with current law. The bill passed 266-153.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

According to NFIB's 2016 Small Business Problems and Priorities survey, "Uncertainty over

Government Actions" ranked as the sixth most important priority among NFIB members.

3. Regulatory Accountability Act (H.R. 185)

NFIB supported H.R. 185, sponsored by Rep. Bob Goodlatte (VA-6). The bill would modernize the nearly 69-year-old Administrative Procedure Act and would improve how federal agencies write the regulations that most significantly affect the U.S. economy. The bill passed 250-175.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

According to NFIB's 2016 Small Business Problems and Priorities survey, "Unreasonable Government Regulations" ranked second for most critical problems for small business owners.

4. Repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) (H.R. 596)

NFIB supported H.R. 596, sponsored by Rep. Bradley Byrne (AL-1). The bill would repeal the ACA and provide instructions to the committees of jurisdiction to

replace the law with a proposal that focuses on lowering health insurance premiums and healthcare costs for individuals and small businesses. The bill passed 239-186.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

According to NFIB's 2015 survey series titled Small Business's Introduction to the Affordable Care Act, 62 percent of small businesses experienced premium increases between 2013 and 2014, and 63 percent between 2014 to 2015.

5. Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act (H.R. 527)

NFIB supported H.R. 527, sponsored by Rep. Steve Chabot (OH-1). The bill would place strong protections to help ensure that federal agencies fully consider the impact of proposed regulations on small businesses. The bill passed 260-163.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

According to NFIB's May 2015 Small Business Economic Trends survey, "Government Regulations and Red Tape"

ranked as the single most important issue facing small businesses.

6. America's Small Business Tax Relief Act (H.R. 636)

NFIB supported H.R. 636, sponsored by Rep. Patrick Tiberi (OH-12). The bill would provide permanent Section 179 small business expensing levels at \$500,000, adjusted for inflation, which is predictable and adequate to the needs of small businesses. The bill passed 272-142.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In an August 2015 Member Ballot (Vol. 567), 89 percent of NFIB members agreed that Congress should permanently increase small business expensing.

7. A Congressional Review Act resolution of disapproval in response to the National Labor Relations Board's (NLRB) "ambush election" rule (S.J. Res. 8)

NFIB supported S.J. Res. 8, sponsored by Sen. Lamar Alexander (TN). The joint resolution would stop the NLRB from issuing the "ambush election" rule. The joint resolution passed 232-186.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In a December 2011 NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 561), 91 percent of NFIB members opposed Congress limiting the ability of employers to communicate with their employees during union campaigns and elections.

8. Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015 (H.R. 1105)

NFIB supported H.R. 1105, sponsored by Rep. Kevin Brady (TX-8) and Rep. Sanford Bishop (GA-2). The bill would repeal the estate tax once and for all, which would provide much needed tax relief and simplification for small businesses. The bill passed 240-179.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

According to NFIB's 2016 Small Business Problems and Priorities survey, five of the top 10 critical problems for small business owners are tax related.

9. Waters of the United States (H.R. 1732)

NFIB supported H.R. 1732, sponsored by Rep. Bill Shuster (PA-9). The bill would provide relief for small businesses by sending the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers back to the drawing board on the problematic Waters of the United

States rule. The bill passed 261-155.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In a February 2015 NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 566), 89 percent of NFIB members opposed the EPA regulating seasonal streams, ditches and temporary bodies of water that are not clearly connected to water in other states.

10. Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act (H.R. 758)

NFIB supported H.R. 758, sponsored by Rep. Lamar Smith (TX-21). The bill would help to significantly reduce the filing of frivolous lawsuits and motions by amending Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Since 1993, Rule 11 has been hamstrung by changes that loosened its effectiveness in preventing frivolous filings. The bill passed 241-185.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In a June 2011 Member Ballot (Vol. 560), 96 percent of NFIB members agreed that attorneys who file frivolous lawsuits should be required to pay a monetary penalty.

11. A Congressional Review Act resolution of disapproval in response to the

Obama administration's problematic power plant regulation (S.J. Res. 24)

NFIB supported S.J. Res. 24, sponsored by Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (WV). The joint resolution would overturn the regulation recently finalized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for existing coal-fired power plants that supply most of America's electricity. The joint resolution passed 242-180.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

According to NFIB's 2016 Small Business Problems and Priorities survey, the cost of electricity ranked in the top 20 critical problems for small business owners.

12. Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act Amendment (H.R. 2029)

NFIB supported the PATH Act, offered as an amendment to H.R. 2029, sponsored by Rep. Kevin Brady (TX-8). The amendment would provide a permanent extension of Section 179 small business expensing. The amendment passed 318-109.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

The 2015 NFIB Research Foundation report "Potential

Economic Effects of a Permanent Increase in the Section 179 Deduction Allowance Limit" found that permanent small business expensing would increase economic output by almost \$19 billion and create nearly 200,000 jobs over the next 10 years.

13. A Congressional Review Act resolution of disapproval in response to the Waters of the United States rule (S.J. Res. 22)

NFIB supported S.J. Res. 22, sponsored by Sen. Joni Ernst (IA). This joint resolution would provide relief for small businesses by nullifying the Waters of the United States rule issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The joint resolution passed 253-166.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In a March 2013 NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 563), 70 percent of NFIB members agreed that the Clean Water Act should not be expanded to include non-navigable waters and streams.

14. Small Business Healthcare Relief Act (H.R. 5447)

NFIB supported H.R. 5447 sponsored by Rep. Charles

Boustany (LA-3). This bipartisan legislation would protect small businesses from catastrophic penalties for contributing to employees' individual market health insurance plans, and would allow small business owners to assist their employees with health insurance premiums and healthcare expenses. The bill passed 435-0.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In an August 2014 NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 565), 78 percent of NFIB members supported allowing employers to contribute pre-tax funds to their employees to purchase health insurance on their own.

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2	Roby	100	100	2	Huffman	7	0	30	Sherman	14	0	2	Polis	7	0				
3	Rogers, Mike D.	100	100	3	Garamendi	33	10	31	Aguilar	29	N/A	3	Tipton	100	100				
4	Aderholt	100	100	4	McClintock	100	100	32	Napolitano	7	0	4	Buck	100	N/A				
5	Brooks, M.	100	100	5	Thompson, M.	8	0	33	Lieu	8	N/A	5	Lamborn	100	100				
6	Palmer	100	N/A	6	Matsui	8	0	34	Becerra	7	0	6	Coffman	100	100				
7	Sewell	25	20	7	Bera	36	20	35	Torres	14	N/A	7	Perlmutter	15	11				
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Alaska				9	McNerney	14	10	37	Bass	7	0	Connecticut							
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Arizona				12	Pelosi	7	0	40	Roybal-Allard	7	0	3	DeLauro	15	0				
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2	McSally	100	N/A	14	Speier	8	0	42	Calvert	100	100	5	Esty	21	20				
3	Grijalva	7	0	15	Swalwell	23	0	43	Waters	8	0								
4	Gosar	100	100	16	Costa	77	44	44	Hahn	21	0	Delaware							
5	Salmon	100	100	17	Honda	8	0	45	Walters	100	N/A	AL	Carney	14	0				
6	Schweikert	100	100	18	Eshoo	8	0	46	Sanchez, Loretta	8	0								
7	Gallego, Ruben	8	N/A	19	Lofgren	9	0	47	Lowenthal	7	0	Florida							
8	Franks	100	100	20	Farr	7	0	48	Rohrabacher	100	100	1	Miller, J.	100	100				
9	Sinema	57	30	21	Valadao	100	100	49	Issa	100	100	2	Graham, G.	64	N/A				
				22	Nunes	100	100	50	Hunter	100	100	3	Yoho	100	100				
Arkansas				23	McCarthy	100	100	51	Vargas	7	0	4	Crenshaw	100	100				
1	Crawford	100	100	24	Capps	8	0	52	Peters, S.	36	30	5	Brown, C.	8	0				
2	Hill	100	N/A	25	Knight	100	N/A	53	Davis, S.	7	0	6	DeSantis	100	100				
3	Womack	100	100	26	Brownley	21	20									7	Mica	100	100
4	Westerman	100	N/A	27	Chu	8	0									8	Posey	100	100
				28	Schiff	7	0												

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9	Grayson	8	0
10	Webster	100	100
11	Nugent	100	100
12	Bilirakis	100	100
13	Jolly	93	100**
14	Castor	7	0
15	Ross	100	100
16	Buchanan	100	100
17	Rooney	100	100
18	Murphy, P.	43	50
19	Clawson	100	0**
20	Hastings	7	0
21	Deutch	8	0
22	Frankel	8	0
23	Wasserman Schultz	7	0
24	Wilson, F.	7	0
25	Diaz-Balart	100	100
26	Curbelo	93	N/A
27	Ros-Lehtinen	100	100

Georgia

1	Carter, E.L.	100	N/A
2	Bishop, S.	70	60
3	Westmoreland, L.	100	100
4	Johnson, H.	14	0
5	Lewis	7	0
6	Price, T.	100	100
7	Woodall	100	100
8	Scott, A.	100	100
9	Collins, D.	100	100
10	Hice	100	N/A
11	Loudermilk	100	N/A
12	Allen	100	N/A
13	Scott, D.	36	0
14	Graves, T.	100	100

Hawaii

1	Takai	15	N/A
2	Gabbard	21	10

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Idaho

1	Labrador	100	100
2	Simpson	100	100

Illinois

1	Rush	8	0
2	Kelly, R.	21	0
3	Lipinski	21	10
4	Gutiérrez	9	0
5	Quigley	14	0
6	Roskam	100	100
7	Davis, D.	14	0
8	Duckworth	25	0
9	Schakowsky	7	0
10	Dold	86	N/A
11	Foster	7	10
12	Bost	100	N/A
13	Davis, R.	100	90
14	Hultgren	100	100
15	Shimkus	100	100
16	Kinzinger	100	100
17	Bustos	36	30
18	LaHood	100	N/A
18	Schock*	100	100

Indiana

1	Visclosky	7	0
2	Walorski	100	100
3	Stutzman	100	100
4	Rokita	100	100
5	Brooks, S.	100	100
6	Messer	100	100
7	Carson	7	0
8	Bucshon	100	100
9	Young, T.	100	100

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Iowa

1	Blum	100	N/A
2	Loeb sack	29	10
3	Young, D.	100	N/A
4	King, S.	100	100

Kansas

1	Huelskamp	100	100
2	Jenkins, L.	100	100
3	Yoder	100	100
4	Pompeo	100	100

Kentucky

1	Whitfield	100	100
2	Guthrie	100	100
3	Yarmuth	7	10
4	Massie	100	100
5	Rogers, H.	100	100
6	Barr	100	100

Louisiana

1	Scalise	100	100
2	Richmond	23	20
3	Boustany	100	100
4	Fleming	100	100
5	Abraham	100	N/A
6	Graves, G.	100	N/A

Maine

1	Pingree	14	10
2	Poliquin	93	N/A

Maryland

1	Harris	100	100
2	Ruppersberger	31	10
3	Sarbanes	7	0
4	Edwards	7	0
5	Hoyer	7	0
6	Delaney	43	20

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Maryland, Continued

7	Cummings	7	0
8	Van Hollen	7	0

Massachusetts

1	Neal	15	0
2	McGovern	15	0
3	Tsongas	7	0
4	Kennedy	8	0
5	Clark, K.	14	0**
6	Moulton	14	N/A
7	Capuano	14	0
8	Lynch	15	0
9	Keating	14	0

Michigan

1	Benishek	100	100
2	Huizenga	100	100
3	Amash	92	100
4	Moolenaar	100	N/A
5	Kildee	8	0
6	Upton	100	100
7	Walberg	100	100
8	Bishop, M.	100	N/A
9	Levin	7	0
10	Miller, C.	100	100
11	Trott	100	N/A
12	Dingell	8	0
13	Conyers	8	0
14	Lawrence	14	N/A

Minnesota

1	Walz	50	10
2	Kline, J.	100	100
3	Paulsen	100	100
4	McCollum	7	0
5	Ellison	7	0
6	Emmer	100	N/A
7	Peterson	86	90
8	Nolan	29	11

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	114th	113th
	%	%

Mississippi

1	Kelly	100	N/A
1	Nunnelee*	0	100
2	Thompson, B.	8	10
3	Harper	100	100
4	Palazzo	100	100

Missouri

1	Clay	7	0
2	Wagner	100	100
3	Luetkemeyer	100	100
4	Hartzler	100	100
5	Cleaver	17	0
6	Graves, S.	100	100
7	Long	100	100
8	Smith, J.	100	100

Montana

AL	Zinke	100	N/A
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Nebraska

1	Fortenberry	100	100
2	Ashford	77	N/A
3	Smith, Adrian	100	100

Nevada

1	Titus	21	10
2	Amodei	100	100
3	Heck, J.	100	100
4	Hardy	100	N/A

New Hampshire

1	Guinta	100	N/A
2	Kuster	21	10

New Jersey

1	Norcross	21	0**
2	LoBiondo	93	80
3	MacArthur	100	N/A

	114th	113th
	%	%

New Jersey, Continued

4	Smith, C.	86	80
5	Garrett	100	100
6	Pallone	7	0
7	Lance	100	90
8	Sires	21	10
9	Pascrell	14	0
10	Payne	8	0
11	Frelinghuysen	100	90
12	Watson Coleman	7	N/A

New Mexico

1	Lujan Grisham, M.	14	0
2	Pearce	100	100
3	Luján, B.	7	0

New York

1	Zeldin	100	N/A
2	King, P.	93	90
3	Israel	7	0
4	Rice, K.	21	N/A
5	Meeks	14	10
6	Meng	23	10
7	Velázquez	7	0
8	Jeffries	7	0
9	Clarke, Y.	7	0
10	Nadler	8	0
11	Donovan	100	N/A
11	Grimm*	0	78
12	Maloney, C.	14	0
13	Rangel	7	0
14	Crowley	8	0
15	Serrano	7	0
16	Engel	15	0
17	Lowey	14	0
18	Maloney, S.	36	30
19	Gibson, C.	100	80
20	Tonko	7	0
21	Stefanik	100	N/A

	114th	113th
	%	%

New York, Continued

22	Hanna	93	90
23	Reed, T.	100	90
24	Katko	93	N/A
25	Slaughter	8	0
26	Higgins	14	0
27	Collins, C.	93	100

North Carolina

1	Butterfield	7	0
2	Ellmers	100	100
3	Jones	71	89
4	Price, D.	15	0
5	Foxx	100	100
6	Walker	100	N/A
7	Rouzer	100	N/A
8	Hudson	100	100
9	Pittenger	100	100
10	McHenry	100	100
11	Meadows	100	100
12	Adams	7	0**
13	Holding	100	100

North Dakota

AL	Cramer	100	100
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Ohio

1	Chabot	100	100
2	Wenstrup	100	100
3	Beatty	21	0
4	Jordan	100	100
5	Latta	100	100
6	Johnson, B.	100	100
7	Gibbs, B.	100	100
8	Boehner	100	100
8	Davidson	100	N/A
9	Kaptur	14	0
10	Turner	100	100
11	Fudge	7	0
12	Tiberi	100	100

	114th	113th
	%	%

Ohio, Continued

13	Ryan, T.	15	0
14	Joyce	100	80
15	Stivers	100	100
16	Renacci	100	100

Oklahoma

1	Bridenstine	100	100
2	Mullin	100	100
3	Lucas	100	100
4	Cole	100	100
5	Russell	93	N/A

Oregon

1	Bonamici	14	0
2	Walden	100	100
3	Blumenauer	14	0
4	DeFazio	14	0
5	Schrader	50	30

Pennsylvania

1	Brady, R.	14	0
2	Fattah	7	0
3	Kelly	100	100
4	Perry	100	100
5	Thompson, G.	100	100
6	Costello	100	N/A
7	Meehan	100	80
8	Fitzpatrick	100	89
9	Shuster	100	100
10	Marino	100	100
11	Barletta	100	100
12	Rothfus	100	100
13	Boyle	14	N/A
14	Doyle	14	0
15	Dent	100	100
16	Pitts	100	100
17	Cartwright	8	0
18	Murphy, T.	100	100

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114th				113th				114th				113th				114th				113th			
%				%				%				%				%				%			
Rhode Island				Texas, Continued				Utah				Washington, Continued											
1	Cicilline	14	0	13	Thornberry	100	100	1	Bishop, R.	100	100	5	McMorris Rodgers	100	100								
2	Langevin	14	10	14	Weber	100	100	2	Stewart	100	100	6	Kilmer	21	10								
South Carolina				15	Hinojosa	20	11	3	Chaffetz	100	100	7	McDermott	7	0								
1	Sanford	100	88	16	O'Rourke	8	0	4	Love	100	N/A	8	Reichert	100	100								
2	Wilson, J.	100	100	17	Flores	100	100	Vermont				9	Smith, Adam	10	0								
3	Duncan, Jeff	100	100	18	Jackson Lee	14	10	AL	Welch	8	0	10	Heck, D.	14	0								
4	Gowdy	100	100	19	Neugebauer	100	100	Virginia				West Virginia											
5	Mulvaney	100	100	20	Castro	7	0	1	Wittman	100	100	1	McKinley	100	90								
6	Clyburn	21	0	21	Smith, Lamar	100	100	2	Rigell	93	100	2	Mooney	100	N/A								
7	Rice, T.	100	100	22	Olson	100	100	3	Scott, R.	7	0	3	Jenkins, E.	100	N/A								
South Dakota				23	Hurd	100	N/A	4	Forbes	100	100	Wisconsin											
AL	Noem	100	100	24	Marchant	100	100	5	Hurt	100	100	1	Ryan, P.	100	100								
Tennessee				25	Williams	100	100	6	Goodlatte	100	100	2	Pocan	7	0								
1	Roe	100	100	26	Burgess	100	100	7	Brat	100	0**	3	Kind	14	0								
2	Duncan, John	100	100	27	Farenthold	100	100	8	Beyer	7	N/A	4	Moore	8	0								
3	Fleischmann	100	100	28	Cuellar	85	80	9	Griffith	93	80	5	Sensenbrenner	100	100								
4	DesJarlais	100	100	29	Green, G.	29	20	10	Comstock	100	N/A	6	Grothman	100	N/A								
5	Cooper	36	20	30	Johnson, E.	14	0	11	Connolly	14	0	7	Duffy	100	100								
6	Black, D.	100	100	31	Carter, J.	100	100	Washington				8	Ribble	100	100								
7	Blackburn, M.	100	100	32	Sessions, P.	100	100	1	DelBene	21	10	Wyoming											
8	Fincher	100	100	33	Veasey	36	10	2	Larsen, R.	7	0	AL	Lummis	100	100								
9	Cohen	14	0	34	Vela	43	30	3	Herrera Beutler	100	100												
Texas				35	Doggett	7	0	4	Newhouse	100	N/A												
1	Gohmert	100	100	36	Babin	100	N/A																
2	Poe	93	100	VOTE KEY																			
3	Johnson, S.	100	100	• Names and percentages printed in green indicate winners of NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award. Lawmakers must score 70 percent or above on key small business votes to receive the award.																			
4	Ratcliffe	100	N/A	• Names and percentages in red did not win NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award.																			
5	Hensarling	100	100	• Blue indicates voting percentages for members of the 113th Congress.																			
6	Barton	100	100	N/A Member who did not serve in the 113th Congress.																			
7	Culberson	100	100	* Member served a partial term in the 114th Congress.																			
8	Brady, K.	100	100	** Member served a partial term in the 113th Congress.																			
9	Green, A.	21	20																				
10	McCaul	100	100																				
11	Conaway	100	100																				
12	Granger	100	100																				

The following are descriptions of the 6 bills designated as NFIB Key Votes used to compile your lawmaker's NFIB Pre-Election Voting Record for the 114th Congress. Each description includes NFIB's position on the issue, as well as the NFIB Member Ballot and research that determined that position.

1. Keystone XL Pipeline Approval Act (S. 1)

NFIB supported S. 1, sponsored by **NFIB Member** Sen. John Hoeven (ND). The bill would address regulatory and legal delays by ensuring the pipeline would move forward in compliance with current law. The bill passed 62-36.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

According to NFIB's 2016 Small Business Problems and Priorities survey, "Uncertainty over Government Actions" ranked as the sixth most important priority among NFIB members.

2. A Congressional Review Act resolution of disapproval in response to the National Labor Relations Board's (NLRB) "ambush election" rule (S.J. Res. 8)

NFIB supported S.J. Res. 8, sponsored by Sen. Lamar Alexander (TN). The joint resolution would stop the NLRB from issuing the "ambush election" rule. The joint resolution passed 53-46.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In a December 2011 NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 561), 91 percent of NFIB members opposed Congress limiting the ability of employers to communicate with their employees during union campaigns and elections.

3. Federal Water Quality Protection Act (S. 1140)

NFIB supported S. 1140, sponsored by Sen. John Barrasso (WY). The bill would provide relief for small businesses by

sending the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers back to the drawing board on its problematic Waters of the United States rule. The cloture vote failed 57-41. (Three-fifths of the total Senate (60) is required to invoke cloture.)

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In a February 2015 NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 566), 89 percent of NFIB members opposed the EPA regulating seasonal streams, ditches and temporary bodies of water that are not clearly connected to water in other states.

4. A Congressional Review Act resolution of disapproval in response to the problematic Waters of the United States rule (S.J. Res. 22)

NFIB supported S.J. Res. 22, sponsored by Sen. Joni Ernst (IA). The joint resolution would provide relief for small businesses by nullifying this burdensome regulation. The joint resolution passed 53-44.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

In a March 2013 NFIB Member Ballot (Vol. 563), 70 percent of NFIB members agreed that the Clean Water Act should not be expanded to include non-navigable waters and streams.

5. A Congressional Review Act resolution of disapproval in response to the Obama administration's

problematic power plant regulation (S.J. Res. 24)

NFIB supported S.J. Res. 24, sponsored by Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (WV). The joint resolution would overturn the regulation recently finalized by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for existing coal-fired power plants that supply most of America's electricity. The joint resolution passed 52-46.

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

According to NFIB's 2016 Small Business Problems and Priorities survey, the cost of electricity ranked in the top 20 critical problems for small business owners.

6. Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2029)

NFIB supported H.R. 2029, sponsored by Rep. Charles Dent (PA-15). The bill would support a permanent extension of Section 179 small business expensing. The cloture vote passed 72-26. (Three-fifths of the total Senate (60) is required to invoke cloture.)

WHAT MEMBERS SAID:

The 2015 NFIB Research Foundation report "Potential Economic Effects of a Permanent Increase in the Section 179 Deduction Allowance Limit" found that permanent small business expensing would increase economic output by almost \$19 billion and create nearly 200,000 jobs over the next 10 years.

VOTE KEY

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- N/A** Member who did not serve in the 113th Congress.
 - *** Member served a partial term in the 114th Congress.
 - **** Senator was a House member during the 113th Congress; percentage reflects House voting percentage.
 - ***** Indicates a member who served a partial term in the 113th Congress.

YOUR SENATORS ON SMALL BUSINESS

114th %	113th %	114th %	113th %	114th %	113th %	114th %	113th %	114th %	113th %
Alabama		Hawaii		Massachusetts		New Mexico		South Dakota	
Shelby	83 100	Schatz	17 0	Warren	17 0	Udall	17 0	Thune	83 100
Sessions, J.	83 100	Hirono	17 0	Markey	17 0***	Heinrich	17 0	Rounds	100 N/A
Alaska		Idaho		Michigan		New York		Tennessee	
Murkowski	83 100	Crapo	83 100	Stabenow	17 0	Schumer	17 0	Alexander	100 100
Sullivan	83 N/A	Risch	83 100	Peters, G.	17 20**	Gillibrand	17 0	Corker	100 80
Arizona		Illinois		Minnesota		North Carolina		Texas	
McCain	83 100	Durbin	17 0	Klobuchar	17 0	Burr	100 100	Cornyn	100 100
Flake	83 100	Kirk	83 100	Franken	17 0	Tillis	100 N/A	Cruz	83 100
Arkansas		Indiana		Mississippi		North Dakota		Utah	
Boozman	83 100	Coats	100 100	Cochran	100 100	Hoeven	100 100	Hatch	100 100
Cotton	83 100**	Donnelly	100 40	Wicker	100 100	Heitkamp	83 40	Lee, M.	83 100
California		Iowa		Missouri		Ohio		Vermont	
Feinstein	17 0	Grassley	100 100	McCaskill	50 40	Brown, S.	20 0	Leahy	17 0
Boxer	0 0	Ernst	83 N/A	Blunt	100 100	Portman	100 100	Sanders	0 0
Colorado		Kansas		Montana		Oklahoma		Virginia	
Bennet	33 20	Roberts	100 100	Tester	17 20	Inhofe	100 100	Warner	33 20
Gardner	100 100**	Moran, Jerry	83 100	Daines	83 100**	Lankford	100 100**	Kaine	17 0
Connecticut		Kentucky		Nebraska		Oregon		Washington	
Blumenthal	17 0	McConnell	100 100	Fischer	83 100	Wyden	17 0	Murray	17 0
Murphy, C.	17 0	Paul	83 100	Sasse	83 N/A	Merkley	17 0	Cantwell	17 0
Delaware		Louisiana		Nevada		Pennsylvania		West Virginia	
Carper	33 20	Vitter	80 100	Reid, H.	20 20	Casey	33 20	Manchin	70 60
Coons	17 20	Cassidy	83 100**	Heller	100 100	Toomey	83 100	Capito	100 100**
Florida		Maine		New Hampshire		Rhode Island		Wisconsin	
Nelson	17 20	Collins	70 80	Shaheen	17 0	Reed, J.	17 0	Johnson, R.	100 100
Rubio	100 100	King, A.	17 0	Ayotte	83 100	Whitehouse	17 0	Baldwin	17 0
Georgia		Maryland		New Jersey		South Carolina		Wyoming	
Isakson	100 100	Mikulski	17 0	Menendez	17 0	Graham, L.	100 100	Enzi	83 100
Perdue	100 N/A	Cardin	17 0	Booker	17 0***	Scott, T.	83 100	Barrasso	100 100

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