



TO: MEMBERS OF THE OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- On behalf of the 22,000 members of the Ohio chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), you are respectfully urged to **VOTE YES on Substitute House Bill 81 (Perales)**.
- This package of Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) reforms will benefit all Ohioans and continue the positive trajectory we have seen at the agency.
- Specifically, we are very supportive of three pro-business reforms included in the substitute bill detailed below:
 - For purposes of keeping claims open, the clock will now begin on the date of medical treatment. Currently, the time period to file for an additional allowance begins on the date of bill payment by the BWC. This unnecessarily delays the closing of a claim by months.
 - Reducing the statute of limitations to file a Violation of a Specific Safety Requirement claim from two years to one. This change will bring the statute of limitations in line with all other claims, as changed by the legislature last general assembly.
 - Provides clarity that an injured worker's wage loss must be a direct result of an impairment arising from an injury or occupational disease.
- NFIB may consider the vote on Substitute House Bill 81 a **Key Small Business Vote** of the 133rd General Assembly.

On behalf of Ohio's small-business community, NFIB respectfully urges you to VOTE YES on Substitute House Bill 81.