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**To:** The Honorable Members of the House Transportation Committee (Regulation, Roads & Bridges)

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**Subject:** Oppose Vehicle Mileage Taxes (HB 2963)

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) is the largest small-business advocacy organization in Illinois and the nation, representing approximately 10,000 small-business owners in Illinois alone. NFIB member businesses are independently owned and reflect the diversity of Illinois' small-business community, including small businesses in retail, construction, transportation, hospitality, professional services, manufacturing, and agriculture.

NFIB opposes the creation of a vehicle mileage tax.

HB 2963 includes the proposed "Illinois Road Usage Charge Act," a proposal that would create a pilot program to charge a vehicle mileage tax.

Many small businesses owners are highly mobile, utilizing vehicles to transport goods, provide services, and meet with customers and clients. The imposition of a complex new tax on their movement would impose a new administrative burden on them and, potentially, increase the costs of doing business in Illinois.

NFIB urges lawmakers to remove the "Illinois Road Usage Charge Act" from any larger transit-reform legislation to ensure that all voices and concerns about a vehicle mileage tax can be heard and considered independently of other unrelated issues.

Thank you for your support of Illinois' small-business community.