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Senator Tony Strickland  
1021 O Street, Suite 6730  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

**Re: SUPPORT – Senate Bill 885 (Strickland), Regulatory Oversight and Legislative Approval**

Dear Senator Strickland,

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), representing some 13,000 small business members across California, I am writing to express our strong support for SB 885 (Strickland), a measure that would require legislative approval of the most expensive proposed regulations.

SB 885 introduces a necessary and long-overdue layer of oversight, accountability, and transparency into California’s rulemaking process. For too long, major policy decisions with sweeping economic consequences have been made outside of the legislative process by unelected regulatory bodies.

California’s small businesses are directly and indirectly impacted by the complex and ever-expanding web of regulations that touch every industry and nearly every aspect of daily operations. This regulatory framework, what many small business owners experience as a growing Regulatory Leviathan, continues to evolve through significant policy changes adopted by agencies that are not directly accountable to voters. The lack of democratic accountability in this system can result in quasi-legislative actions that are insufficiently vetted for real-world impacts, leading to unintended consequences, impractical compliance burdens, and increased costs for small employers.

SB 885 addresses this structural imbalance by requiring that any major regulation with an anticipated economic impact exceeding \$50 million be reviewed and approved by the Legislature before it may be finalized. This restores appropriate checks and balances by ensuring that the most consequential regulatory decisions are made, or at least affirmed, by elected officials who are accountable to the people of California.

Importantly, this additional layer of review is targeted and reasonable. Only a limited number of regulations each year would meet this threshold, meaning the Legislature can provide meaningful oversight without creating unnecessary delays or overburdening the legislative process.

For California's small businesses, which already face some of the highest costs and most complex regulatory requirements in the nation, SB 885 represents a commonsense step toward greater transparency, improved governance, and more thoughtful policymaking. For these reasons, NFIB strongly supports SB 885 (Strickland).

Sincerely,

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Tim Taylor  
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