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Senator Nathan Manning
Chair, Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee
1 Capital Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Chair Manning,

On behalf of the nearly 21,000 members of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) in Ohio, we appreciate the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on Senate Bill 157.

For reference, NFIB is a small business trade association founded over 80 years ago that is dedicated to representing the interests of small and independent businesses across our state and nation. NFIB's mission is to promote the right of our members to own, operate and grow their businesses. NFIB members come from all industry sectors and each of the 88 counties across Ohio. Our average member has 20 or fewer employees and has less than \$2 million in annual gross receipts.

Ohio's small businesses need predictability to thrive and reducing the statute of limitations on written and verbal contracts to three years for written and two for verbal is a welcome change. NFIB has long advocated for a stable civil legal climate, and we believe SB 157 strikes an appropriate balance of ensuring plaintiffs can pursue litigation, while also protecting Ohio business owners.

SB 157 will still allow action to be taken if a breach or violation of a contract is found but ensures it is taken in a timely manner. Timely resolutions help both parties in a contract dispute, while also preventing burdensome record keeping requirements, and prolonging resolution.

Ohio has taken great steps in recent years to create a stable legal climate, and Senate Bill 157 is another step in the right direction. Increasing predictability allows small businesses to plan for the future and operate with certainty knowing they are not open to potential liability.

We appreciate Senator Lang for leading this effort and urge the committee's support. We may consider a floor vote on SB 157 a Key Small Business Vote of the 136th General Assembly. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support and please feel free to contact me at Jacob.Flowers@nfib.org if you have any questions.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacob Flowers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "F".

Jacob Flowers
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