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## House File 5 (Joy)

Chair Davids and House Taxes Committee Members -

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) represents more than 10,000 small and independently owned businesses across Minnesota. Our mission is to promote and protect the rights of our members to own, operate, and grow their businesses.

**NFIB is pleased to support House File 5**, which would repeal the 50-cent retail delivery tax on transactions of \$100 or more. Small businesses are struggling under the weight of inflation, supply challenges, and workforce shortages. This tax has an outsized negative impact on small businesses, many of whom rely on free or low-cost delivery to remain competitive. The repeal of this tax will reduce operational costs for small businesses that rely on delivery services and will lead to savings for both businesses and consumers.

NFIB also supports the repeal of the automatic, inflationary increase in the state's fuel tax. Small businesses continue to struggle with increased costs due to inflation, and the automatic inflationary increase further contributes to these costs for small businesses with transportation expenses. The decision to increase the fuel tax should be put back into the hands of the Legislature, which can evaluate the impact on businesses and consumers, and face accountability from taxpayers.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. We urge the committee to support the important financial relief provided in House File 5.

Sincerely,

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