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## **State Representative Joe McDonald Earns Guardian of Small Business Award**

**ST. PAUL, Minn., September 20, 2016**—The state’s largest small business group in terms of entities, the National Federation of Independent Business Minnesota, with 11,000 members statewide, today announced that State Representative Joe McDonald (Delano) was awarded the prestigious NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award.

NFIB gives out the award at both the federal and state level to recognize legislators who have been supportive of small business on critical issues. To receive the award legislators had to demonstrate a supportive voting record for small business during the 2015-16 sessions of the Minnesota legislature.

Representative McDonald made many votes that were critical for small business, including a vote for significant tax reductions and reforms that included conforming Minnesota’s estate tax exemption to that of the federal, and a significant reduction in commercial property taxes that would make Minnesota much more competitive on a critical issue. He also supported legislation that provided employers a significant unemployment insurance tax credit that will reduce taxes by 27-29% and made a vote for reforming the healthcare component of workers compensation that is escalating out of control, and many others.

“Representative McDonald is a real friend of small business and we are happy to announce that he has earned the NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award,” said Mike Hickey, State Director.

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