



**CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
2009- 2010**

Candidate Name _____

Committee Name _____

State / District _____

Party Affiliation _____

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Campaign Information

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Have you taken a public opinion poll in your race? Yes No

If yes, when? _____

If no, when do you plan to conduct one? _____

Does NFIB have your permission to call and discuss your survey with your pollster?
(please initial) Yes _____ No _____

Candidate Information

Are you a current NFIB member? Yes No

If yes, when did you join? _____

If no, were you a member in the past? _____

Current employment _____

Name of business (if applicable) _____

Business address: _____

Other business associations you are a member of _____

Have you ever been elected or appointed to public office? Yes No

If yes, years of service and office(s) _____

If no, have you ever run for an elected office? Yes No

Election year and office(s) _____

If you are elected to Congress, list your top three priorities for your first term and why:

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____

What is the top issue small-business owners are facing in your state/district?

If elected, on which committees would you most like to serve?

1. _____
2. _____

List two reasons small-business owners should support your campaign:

1. _____
2. _____

List names and/or companies (if known) of NFIB members supporting your campaign:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Fiscal/Tax Policy: Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE (please mark one)...

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| 1. | Making estate tax reform permanent? | <input type="checkbox"/> FAVOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE |
| 2. | Eliminating the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) for individuals? | <input type="checkbox"/> FAVOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE |
| 3. | Clarifying the definition of an independent contractor? | <input type="checkbox"/> FAVOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE |
| 4. | Permanently increasing the Section 179 expensing limit? | <input type="checkbox"/> FAVOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE |
| 5. | Increasing payroll taxes to protect the solvency of the Social Security system? | <input type="checkbox"/> FAVOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE |
| 6. | Raising individual income tax rates? | <input type="checkbox"/> FAVOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE |
| 7. | Giving the president line-item veto authority? | <input type="checkbox"/> FAVOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE |
| 8. | Simplifying the tax code and reducing the tax burden on small business? | <input type="checkbox"/> FAVOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE |
| 9. | Opposing efforts to increase federal unemployment surtax? | <input type="checkbox"/> FAVOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE |
| 10. | Limiting the ability of lawmakers to place earmarks in spending bills? | <input type="checkbox"/> FAVOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE |
| 11. | Forming a commission to examine federal entitlement Spending, similar to the BRAC Commission? | <input type="checkbox"/> FAVOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE |

Health Care: Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE (please mark one)...

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|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 12. | Allowing self-employed individuals to deduct health care premiums from payroll taxes? | <input type="checkbox"/> FAVOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OPPOSE |
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13. Requiring employers to provide health care coverage to their employees? FAVOR OPPOSE
14. Allowing small-business owners to pool together across state lines to purchase more affordable health coverage? FAVOR OPPOSE
15. Legislation that would make health insurance portable from job to job? FAVOR OPPOSE
16. Allowing tax incentives for the purchase of health insurance? FAVOR OPPOSE
17. Providing a tax-free opportunity for employers to voluntarily contribute to the healthcare plan that an employee chooses to purchase for themselves using tax-free dollars? FAVOR OPPOSE
18. Using a payroll tax or employer “fair share” fee to finance a health care insurance program/plan? FAVOR OPPOSE

Legal Reform: Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE (please mark one)...

19. A federal law that would cap punitive damages and eliminate joint and several liability in product liability cases? FAVOR OPPOSE
20. Tort reform legislation to protect small businesses from frivolous lawsuits? FAVOR OPPOSE
21. Awarding attorneys’ fees to small-business owners when they prevail in a lawsuit against the federal government? FAVOR OPPOSE

Regulatory Reform: Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE (please mark one)...

22. Requiring the federal government to compensate citizens whose property rights/uses are negatively impacted because of federal regulations? FAVOR OPPOSE
23. Allowing a first-time suspension of fines against small-business owners who violate minor paperwork requirements of government regulatory agencies? FAVOR OPPOSE
24. Reinstating OSHA’s regulation concerning ergonomics in the workplace? (repetitive motion injuries) FAVOR OPPOSE
25. Ensuring that federal agencies assess the impact regulations have on private property and small businesses? FAVOR OPPOSE

26. Requiring Congress to routinely review existing regulations and vote to keep or eliminate regulations that are obsolete or harmful to small business? FAVOR OPPOSE

Labor Issues: Do you FAVOR or OPPOSE (please mark one)...

27. Lowering or eliminating the small business exemption (50 employees) to the Family and Medical Leave Act? FAVOR OPPOSE
28. Legislation requiring small business owners to pay for employee sick leave? FAVOR OPPOSE
29. Legislation requiring unions to notify its membership of their right to refuse to pay for union political activities? FAVOR OPPOSE
30. Legislation requiring employers to recognize unions by way of signed authorization cards? FAVOR OPPOSE
31. Legislation mandating binding arbitration in union contract negotiations? FAVOR OPPOSE
32. Legislation allowing union organizing at the place of business? FAVOR OPPOSE
33. Legislation expanding Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements? FAVOR OPPOSE

Comments on your interest and support of small business:

please feel free to attach additional pages

Signature of Candidate

Date

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