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## **NFIB Endorses Ty Masterson for State Senate District #16** *Candidate's Strong Stance on Small Business Issues Earns Nod*

**TOPEKA, KS, August 29, 2008** – The National Federation of Independent Business, Kansas' leading small business association, today announced its endorsement of Ty Masterson in his bid for the Kansas Senate. Masterson secured the group's endorsement because of his strong stance on small business issues critical to Main Street.

"NFIB is proud to endorse Ty Masterson because he has a clear understanding of the needs of small business owners. He understands the importance of protecting their rights as well as fighting to keep unnecessary regulations from adding to the burden of running a successful business," said Derrick Sontag, NFIB/Kansas state director.

"Masterson knows that small business is the engine that drives Kansas' economy, and he will work to provide the tools small business owners need," Sontag said.

NFIB's endorsement of Masterson brings with it the powerful support of thousands of small business owners from across the state. "Our members know and appreciate the importance of an ally in the legislature," Sontag said. "Just as we know Masterson will work hard for the interests and rights of small business, NFIB members will work hard to send him to Topeka."

Today's endorsement comes from the Kansas SAFE (Save America's Free Enterprise) Trust, NFIB's political action committee. The National Federation of Independent Business bases its political support on candidates' positions and records on small business issues.

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*NFIB is the nation's leading small business association, with offices in Washington, D.C. and all 50 state capitals. Founded in 1943 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, NFIB gives small- and independent-business owners a voice in shaping the public policy issues that affect their business. NFIB's powerful network of grassroots activists sends its views directly to state and federal lawmakers through our unique member-only ballot, thus playing a critical role in supporting America's free enterprise system. NFIB's mission is to promote and protect the right of our members to own, operate and grow their businesses. More information about NFIB is available online at [www.NFIB.com/newsroom](http://www.NFIB.com/newsroom).*