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## **State Sen. Shane Reeves Earns NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award**

**NASHVILLE, Oct. 19, 2021** --The Tennessee office of NFIB, the state's leading small business advocacy organization, today announced that state Sen. Shane Reeves has earned its Guardian of Small Business award. Reeves represents Senate District 14, which includes Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, and Moore counties and part of Rutherford County.

The Guardian of Small Business award is the most prestigious honor that NFIB bestows on legislators in recognition of their efforts to support small business. The NFIB Tennessee Leadership Council, an advisory board comprised of NFIB members, voted to present the award to the legislator for his outstanding leadership on small-business issues. NFIB State Director Jim Brown joined several NFIB members yesterday in presenting the award to Senator Reeves at his legislative office in Nashville.

Last session, Reeves sponsored [HB 38/SB 1274](#), which establishes new protections for taxpayers relying on guidance issued by the Department of Revenue. The bill was an NFIB priority to ensure small businesses receive dependable guidance and are better able to contest disputed findings during state audits.

"Shane Reeves has been a tremendous lifetime supporter of small business, starting with his work 15 years ago chairing the NFIB Tennessee Leadership Council and more recently as a state senator," said NFIB State Director Jim Brown. "In the legislature, he has been a staunch advocate for small business on the Commerce & Labor Committee. He has a perfect NFIB voting record, and our members are grateful for his outstanding leadership."

"I'm greatly honored to receive the Guardian of Small Business award from an organization I hold in high regard," Reeves said. "NFIB carries the collective voice on key small business issues to Nashville and Washington, D.C., which is why I've been an NFIB member since 1994."

"Small businesses are the backbone of my district, and they drive our state economy," Reeves added. "I will continue to stay focused on ensuring our small businesses can operate on a level playing field and have the resources they need to succeed."

Reeves, who lives in Murfreesboro, is a CEO and pharmacist.

### **About NFIB**

For more than 75 years, NFIB has been the voice of small business, advocating on behalf of America's small and independent business owners, both in Washington, D.C., and in all 50 state capitals. NFIB is nonprofit, nonpartisan, and member driven. Since our founding in 1943, NFIB has been exclusively

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