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To: The Honorable Members of the Michigan House Labor Committee
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From: Amanda Fisher, NFIB Michigan State Director
Re: Vote NO Senate Bill 571 – Prevailing Wage Expansion and Registry

On behalf of over 10,000 small and independent business owners in Michigan, we are urging you to vote no on Senate Bill 571.

The reinstatement of prevailing wage that went into effect earlier this year is a direct hit to small contractors. The law acts as a 'super minimum wage' that sets wages much higher than local construction wages determined by fair competition in the free market. Beyond inflated wages, most small and medium sized businesses are unable to navigate the almost 500,000 wage classifications that existed before the law was repealed. The regulatory cost would often far exceed the wage increases, and ultimately, discourages small business contractors from bidding on public projects.

In addition to the already overwhelming regulatory burden of the prevailing wage law, SB 571 seeks to set up a state registration process for contractors and any subcontractors with whom they work. The amount of information to receive a state registration is onerous and duplicative that this legislation will prevent small independent contractors from ever bidding on any state projects.

SB 571 also continues a trend in growing state government by adding the need for yet more state employees to administer duplicative or unnecessary programs, costing taxpayers their hard earned dollars.

Your NO vote on SB 571 is a vote FOR small business in Michigan. Thank you for your consideration.