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Contact: Brad Jones, 573-634-7660
Todd Pack, 615-872-5897**NFIB Endorses Eric Burlison for State House District 136***Candidate's Strong Stance on Small Business Issues Earns Nod*

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., August 19, 2008 – The National Federation of Independent Business, Missouri's leading small business association, today announced its endorsement of Eric Burlison in his bid for election to the Missouri House. Burlison secured the group's nod because of his strong survey responses on small business issues critical to Main Street.

"NFIB is proud to endorse Eric Burlison because he has a clear understanding of the needs of small business owners. He has worked to protect their rights as well as fight to keep unnecessary regulations from adding to the burden of running a successful business," said Brad Jones, NFIB/Missouri state director.

"Eric Burlison knows that small business is the engine that drives Missouri's economy, and he has worked to provide the tools small business owners need," Jones said.

NFIB's endorsement of Hoskins 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," Jones said. "Just as we know Eric will work hard for the interests and rights of small business, NFIB members will work hard to send him to Jefferson City."

Today's endorsement comes from the Missouri 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.