

VOTING RECORD

YOUR LEGISLATORS' VOTING RECORD ON SMALL BUSINESS ISSUES | 2020 EDITION

Roll call votes by your state legislators on key small business issues are listed here. Although this Voting Record does not reflect all elements considered by a lawmaker when voting, nor does it represent a complete profile of a legislator, it can be a guide in evaluating your legislators' attitude toward small business. Please thank those legislators who supported small business.

SENATE

- 1. House Bill 2 – TechCred – December 11, 2019 (Passed 31-0)** Established the TechCred program in Ohio allowing employers to seek reimbursement for training and upskilling employees in technology-related fields. The bill established three separate funds including one for businesses with less than 50 employees ensuring small businesses would not be shut out of funding. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**
- 2. House Bill 80 – Workers’ Comp Budget – July 17, 2019 (Passed 22-9)** House Bill 80 is the operating budget for the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation. Substantial policy changes added in the Ohio House were removed by the Ohio Senate reverting to the as introduced appropriations bill. This vote removed workers’ compensation policy from the legislation. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**
- 3. House Bill 81 – Workers’ Comp Amendments – May 20, 2020 (Passed 32-0)** House Bill 81 addressed workers’ compensation policy changes, including two long supported by NFIB members. These changes include voluntary abandonment doctrine ensuring workers’ compensation is tied to actual injury/impairment and requiring date of treatment versus date of billing as start date reducing the time of open claims. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**
- 4. House Bill 242 – Auxiliary Containers – May 27, 2020 (Passed 23-9)** House Bill 242 prohibits local governments from imposing a tax, fee, assessment, or other charges on auxiliary containers (for example, a plastic or paper bag), the sale, use, or consumption of auxiliary containers. This bill creates uniformity across the state eliminating the potential for a patchwork of local laws. The Ohio Senate passed version limits to twelve months. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**
- 5. House Bill 606 – Liability Protection – September 2, 2020 (Passed 23-8)** House Bill 606 provides qualified immunity for businesses from COVID related lawsuits so long as they did not act in a reckless manner or with intentional misconduct or willful wanton misconduct. The bill provides qualified immunity through September 30, 2021. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**
- 6. Senate Bill 9 – Health Insurance Premium Transparency – March 21, 2019 (Passed 31-0)** Senate Bill 9 requires health insurance plans to provide aggregate claims data to employers with 50 or more employees. Access to this data empowers businesses with information on health insurance premium impacts to assist in finding savings when purchasing coverage. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**
- 9. Senate Bill 1 – Regulatory Reform – May 8, 2019 (Passed 24-8)** Senate Bill 1 requires state agencies to reduce their regulatory restrictions by 30 percent by 2022. The bill requires agencies that cannot meet the 30 percent threshold to eliminate two regulatory restrictions for every proposed new regulation. Beginning in 2023, sets a limitation on the number of regulatory restrictions that can be in place in Ohio. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**

HOUSE

- 1. House Bill 2 – TechCred – December 12, 2019 (Passed 85-2)** Established the TechCred program in Ohio allowing employers to seek reimbursement for training and upskilling employees in technology-related fields. The bill established three separate funds including one for businesses with less than 50 employees ensuring small businesses would not be shut out of funding. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**
- 2. House Bill 80 – Workers’ Comp Budget – July 17, 2019 (Passed 78-13)** House Bill 80 is the operating budget for the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation. Substantial policy changes added in the Ohio House were removed by the Ohio Senate reverting to the as introduced appropriations bill. This vote was a concurrence to support the removal of workers’ compensation policy from the legislation. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**
- 3. House Bill 81 – Workers’ Comp Amendments – May 28, 2020 (Passed 93-0)** House Bill 81 addressed workers’ compensation policy changes, including two long supported by NFIB members. These changes include voluntary abandonment doctrine ensuring workers’ compensation is tied to actual injury/impairment and requiring date of treatment versus date of billing as start date reducing the time of open claims. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**
- 4. House Bill 242 – Auxiliary Containers – December 11, 2019 (Passed 58-35)** House Bill 242 prohibits local governments from imposing a tax, fee, assessment, or other charges on auxiliary containers (for example, a plastic or paper bag), the sale, use, or consumption of auxiliary containers. This bill creates uniformity across the state eliminating the potential for a patchwork of local laws. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**
- 5. House Bill 606 – Liability Protection – September 1, 2020 (Passed 63-30)** House Bill 606 provides qualified immunity for businesses from COVID related lawsuits so long as they did not act in a reckless manner or with intentional misconduct or willful wanton misconduct. The bill provides qualified immunity through September 30, 2021. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**
- 6. Senate Bill 9 – Health Insurance Premium Transparency – December 11, 2019 (Passed 87-6)** Senate Bill 9 requires health insurance plans to provide aggregate claims data to employers with 50 or more employees. Access to this data empowers businesses with information on health insurance premium impacts to assist in finding savings when purchasing coverage. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**
- 7. House Bill 251 – SOL on Written Contracts – November 19, 2019 (Passed 92-0)** House Bill 251 reduces the statute of limitations on written contracts from eight years to six years, moving Ohio to the national average. Reducing the statute of limitations provides businesses with more certainty and shortens the tail of liability associated with written contracts. **A “Yes” vote supports NFIB’s position.**
- 8. House Bill 308 – PTSD Workers’ Comp – February 12, 2020 (Passed 74-22)** House Bill 308 allows mental only workers’ compensation claims breaking with decades of precedent requiring an underlying physical injury for the initial filing. The bill is limited to first responders but has the real potential to expand to all claims injecting significant costs into the workers’ compensation system. **A “No” vote supports NFIB’s position.**

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SENATE VOTING RECORD

ISSUE NUMBER	District	1	2	3	4	5	6	9	%
NFIB POSITION		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
LEGISLATOR									
Antonio, Nickie (D - Lakewood)	SD-23	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	43%
Blessing, Louis (R - Colerain Township)+	SD-08	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	-	-	N/A
Brenner, Andy (R - Powell)	SD-19	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Burke, Dave (R - Marysville)	SD-26	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Coley, Bill (R - West Chester)	SD-04	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Craig, Hearcel (D - Columbus)	SD-15	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	43%
Dolan, Matt (R - Chagrin Falls)	SD-24	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Eklund, John (R - Munson Township)	SD-18	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Fedor, Teresa (D - Toledo)	SD-11	*	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	33%
Gavarone, Teresa (R - Bowling Green)	SD-02	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Hackett, Bob (R - London)	SD-10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Hoagland, Frank (R - Mingo Junction)	SD-30	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Hottinger, Jay (R - Newark)	SD-31	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Huffman, Matt (R - Lima)	SD-12	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Huffman, Steve (R - Tipp City)	SD-05	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Johnson, Terry (R - McDermott)+	SD-14	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	-	-	N/A
Kunze, Stephanie (R - Hilliard)	SD-16	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	86%
Lehner, Peggy (R - Kettering)	SD-06	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Maharath, Tina (D - Columbus)	SD-03	*	N	Y	N	*	Y	N	40%
Manning, Nathan (R - North Ridgeville)	SD-13	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
McColley, Robert (R - Napoleon)	SD-01	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Obhof, Larry (R - Montville Township)	SD-22	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
O'Brien, Sean (D - Bazetta)	SD-32	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	*	50%
Peterson, Bob (R - Sabina)	SD-17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Roegner, Kristina (R - Hudson)	SD-27	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	100%
Rulli, Michael (D - Salem)	SD-33	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Schaffer, Tim (R - Lancaster)+	SD-20	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Y	100%
Schuring, Kirk (R - Canton)	SD-29	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	Y	100%
Sykes, Vernon (D - Akron)	SD-28	Y	N	Y	*	N	Y	N	50%
Thomas, Cecil (D - Cincinnati)	SD-09	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	43%
Williams, Sandra (D - Cleveland)	SD-21	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	43%
Wilson, Steve (R - Maineville)	SD-07	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Yuko, Kenny (D - Richmond Heights)	SD-25	Y	N	*	N	N	Y	N	33%

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 +Senator Terry Johnson assumed office in September 2019.
 +Senator Tim Schaffer assumed office in May 2019.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTING RECORD

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NFIB POSITION		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100
LEGISLATOR										
Abrams, Cindy (R - Harrison)+	HD-29	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	86%
Antani, Niraj (R - Miamisburg)	HD-42	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Baldrige, Brian (R - Winchester)	HD-90	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Becker, John (R - Union Twp.)	HD-65	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Blair, Gil (D - Weathersfield)	HD-63	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	63%
Boggs, Kristen (D - Columbus)	HD-18	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	50%
Boyd, Janine (D - Cleveland Heights)	HD-09	*	Y	*	*	*	*	*	Y	N/A
Brent, Juanita (D - Cleveland)	HD-12	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	63%
Brinkman, Tom (R - Cincinnati)	HD-27	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	88%
Brown, Richard (D - Canal Winchester)	HD-20	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	63%
Butler, Jim (R - Oakwood)	HD-41	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Callender, Jamie (R - Concord)	HD-61	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Carfagna, Rick (R - Westerville)	HD-68	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	86%
Carruthers, Sara (R - Hamilton)	HD-51	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	86%
Cera, Jack (D - Bellaire)	HD-96	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Clites, Randi (D - Ravenna)	HD-75	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	50%
Crawley, Erica (D - Columbus)	HD-26	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	*	Y	43%
Cross, Jon (R - Kenton)	HD-83	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Crossman, Jeffrey (D - Parma)	HD-15	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	63%
Cupp, Robert (R - Lima)	HD-04	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Cutrona, Alessandro (R - Canfield)+	HD-59	-	-	Y	-	Y	-	-	-	N/A
Dean, Bill (R - Xenia)	HD-74	N	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	N	83%
Denson, Sedrick (D - Cincinnati)	HD-33	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	63%
DeVitis, Anthony (R - Green)	HD-36	*	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	83%
Edwards, Jay (R - Nelsonville)	HD-94	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Fraizer, Mark (R - Newark)	HD-71	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	86%
Galonski, Tavia (D - Akron)	HD-35	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	50%
Ghanbari, Haraz (R - Perrysburg)	HD-03	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	75%
Ginter, Tim (R - Salem)	HD-05	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Green, Doug (R - Mt. Orab)	HD-66	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Greenspan, Dave (R - Westlake)	HD-16	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	86%
Grendell, Diane (R - Chesterland)	HD-76	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	86%
Hambley, Steve (R - Brunswick)	HD-69	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Hicks-Hudson, Paula (D - Toledo)	HD-44	Y	Y	Y	N	*	Y	Y	Y	71%
Hillyer, Brett (R - Uhrichsville)	HD-98	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Holmes, Adam (R - Nashport)	HD-97	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Hood, Ron (R - Ashville)	HD-78	*	Y	*	*	*	*	Y	N	N/A
Hoops, James (R - Napoleon)	HD-81	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Householder, Larry (R - Glenford)	HD-72	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Howse, Stephanie (D - Cleveland)	HD-11	*	*	Y	*	N	*	Y	Y	N/A
Ingram, Catherine (D - Cincinnati)	HD-32	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	50%
Jones, Don (R - Freeport)	HD-95	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Jordan, Kris (R - Ostrander)	HD-67	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Keller, Candice (R - Middletown)	HD-53	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	86%
Kelly, Brigid (D - Cincinnati)	HD-31	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	38%
Kent, Bernadine (D - Columbus)	HD-25	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	N/A
Kick, Darrell (R - Loudonville)	HD-70	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Koehler, Kyle (R - Springfield)	HD-79	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Lanese, Laura (R - Grove City)	HD-23	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Lang, George (R - West Chester)	HD-52	*	Y	Y	*	Y	*	Y	N	100%
LaRe, Jeff (R - Violet Township)	HD-77	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%

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NFIB POSITION		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100
LEGISLATOR										
Leland, David (D - Columbus)	HD-22	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	*	Y	43%
Lepore-Hagan, Michelle (D - Youngstown)	HD-58	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	63%
Lightbody, Mary (D - Westerville)	HD-19	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	50%
Lipps, Scott (R - Franklin)	HD-62	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Liston, Beth (D - Dublin)	HD-21	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	50%
Manchester, Susan (R - Waynesfield)	HD-84	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Manning, Gayle (R - North Ridgeville)	HD-55	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
McClain, Riordan (R - Upper Sandusky)	HD-87	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Merrin, Derek (R - Monclova Township)	HD-47	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Miller III, Joseph (D - Amherst)	HD-56	*	*	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	50%
Miller, Adam (D - Columbus)	HD-17	Y	N	*	N	*	Y	Y	*	60%
Miranda, Jessica (D - Cincinnati)	HD-28	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	75%
O'Brien, Michael (D - Warren)	HD-64	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	50%
Oelslager, Scott (R - Canton)	HD-48	Y	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	86%
Patterson, John (D - Jefferson)	HD-99	Y	*	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	57%
Patton, Thomas (R - Strongsville)	HD-07	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Perales, Rick (R - Beavercreek)	HD-73	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Plummer, Phil (R - Dayton)	HD-40	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Powell, Jena (R - Arcanum)	HD-80	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	88%
Reineke, Bill (R - Tiffin)	HD-88	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Richardson, Tracy (R - Marysville)	HD-86	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Riedel, Craig (R - Defiance)	HD-82	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Robinson, Phillip (D - Solon)	HD-06	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	63%
Roemer, Bill (R - Richfield)	HD-38	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Rogers, John M. (D - Mentor-On-The-Lake)	HD-60	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Romanchuk, Mark J. (R - Mansfield)	HD-02	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Russo, Allison (D - Upper Arlington)	HD-24	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	50%
Scherer, Gary (R - Circleville)	HD-92	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Seitz, Bill (R - Cincinnati)	HD-30	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Sheehy, Michael (D - Oregon)	HD-46	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	63%
Skindell, Michael (D - Lakewood)	HD-13	Y	*	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	43%
Smith, J. Todd (R - Farmersville)	HD-43	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Smith, Kent (D - Euclid)	HD-08	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	63%
Sobecki, Lisa (D - Toledo)	HD-45	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	50%
Stein, Dick (R - Norwalk)	HD-57	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	86%
Stephens, Jason (R - Kitts Hill)+	HD-93	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	86%
Stoltzfus, Reggie (R - Minerva)	HD-50	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	100%
Strahorn, Fred (D - Dayton)	HD-39	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	63%
Swearingen, D.J. (R - Huron)+	HD-89	Y	-	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	71%
Sweeney, Bride Rose (D - Cleveland)	HD-14	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	63%
Sykes, Emilia (D - Akron)	HD-34	Y	Y	*	N	N	N	Y	Y	43%
Upchurch, Terrence (D - Cleveland)	HD-10	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	63%
Vitale, Nino (R - Urbana)	HD-85	*	Y	Y	*	Y	*	Y	N	100%
Weinstein, Casey (D - Hudson)	HD-37	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	63%
West, Thomas (D - Canton)	HD-49	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	50%
Wiggam, Scott (R - Wooster)	HD-01	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%
Wilkin, Shane (R - Lynchburg)	HD-91	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	88%
Zeltwanger, Paul (R - Mason)	HD-54	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	100%

+Representative Cindy Abrams assumed office in October 2019.
 +Representative Alessandro Cutrona assumed office in May 2020.

+Representative Jason Stephens assumed office in October 2019.
 +Representative D.J. Swearingen assumed office in August 2019.