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**Small Businesses Applaud Gov. Tony Evers Plan to Offer Entrepreneurs More Support**  
*Creation of Committee on Entrepreneurship and Innovation a welcome addition at WEDC*

MADISON, Jan. 15, 2019 – NFIB, the leading small business association in Wisconsin representing thousands of members across the state, applauds Gov. Tony Evers for announcing he has requested a Committee on Entrepreneurs and Innovation be established at the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

“Entrepreneurs take a huge risk, sometimes leveraging their own home and financial future to start a small business,” added Smith. “NFIB has conveyed our strong support for the creation of the committee, and has commended Governor Evers for his focus on small business growth, and making small business a priority at the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.”

Governor Evers pointed out Wisconsin lags the nation in start-ups, and said he wants to “ensure that entrepreneurs and Main Street businesses benefit from economic development funding.” He said he hopes to encourage those with entrepreneurial traits to start their own company by providing the additional guidance and support.

“We are grateful to Gov. Evers for recognizing the importance of small businesses and helping entrepreneurs who want to start a business,” said Bill G. Smith, state director for NFIB in Wisconsin. “Small businesses created over 35,000 net new jobs in our state according to recent data by the Office of Advocacy,” said Smith, “firms employing fewer than 20 employees experienced the largest gains, adding over 17,000 net jobs.”

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