



**Testimony in Support of SB212
Before Senate Commerce Committee**

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On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), I want to thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB212. The NFIB/Kansas is the state's leading small business advocacy organization representing small and independent businesses. A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its over 4,200 members statewide.

I am pleased to be here in strong support of SB212, which would stop governments from deducting union dues from public sector employees' paychecks, and remitting the money to the unions.

Small business owners support SB212 because it levels the playing field between public sector unions and the taxpayers, and stops governments from acting as a collection agency for unions. NFIB members overwhelmingly support measures, known as "paycheck protection" laws. In fact, well over 90% of those who responded to a recent ballot of our small business members in Kansas believed that restrictions should be placed on the government collection of union dues. Frankly, our members don't think it's right for government to have a role in supporting the very unions who then lobby the government to spend more taxpayer dollars. Further, in a time when budget cutting is a necessity, this is one government service we definitely don't need.

NFIB believes workers should be free to make their own decisions about the organizations and political activities to which they give their money – it's the American way. But it is not the responsibility of taxpayers to be involved in the collection and remittance of their dues.

Again, we urge you to support keeping government from serving as a collection agent for unions and respectfully ask that you pass out SB212 favorably.