

National Federation of Independent Business: Small business backs lawsuit reform

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MADISON (January 4, 2018): In response to today's public hearing for Assembly Bill 773, the following statement may be attributed to Bill G. Smith, Wisconsin State Director for the National Federation of Independent Business and President of the Wisconsin Civil Justice Council.

This legislation is of great importance to small business, the broader business community, and the people of Wisconsin who find themselves either a defendant or plaintiff in a civil lawsuit.

Along with the legislature, Governor Walker has made civil liability reform a key priority. Prior reforms that have been enacted into law have brought Wisconsin back into the mainstream, and have created a stable, fair litigation climate. That being said, the complexity and high transaction costs of civil lawsuits continue to be especially challenging expenses for small business owners whether a plaintiff or defendant.

That is why NFIB is pleased to support this legislation that will reduce litigation costs for small businesses, update civil court procedures, and help eliminate abusive discovery practices.

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