

NFIB: Wisconsin Governor vetoes small business fairness

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MADISON, April 14, 2022 – Today, NFIB is expressing frustration with [legislation that would prevent the government from arbitrarily mandating business closures during an emergency has been vetoed by Governor Tony Evers.](#)

Assembly Bill 912 would have required businesses be treated equally during an emergency declaration by their government.

Bill G. Smith, State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) in Wisconsin, the state's leading small business organization, said Wisconsin's small business community is deeply disappointed with the Governor's decision to veto this important legislation.

"The Governor has extraordinary discretion to implement and administer economic relief programs during an emergency," said Smith, "this legislation did not interfere with the Governor's ability to target resources or implement programs that would benefit small business during an emergency."

"Unfortunately, as a result of this veto, the government will continue to use its power to choose winners and losers by closing down local small businesses during an emergency, while allowing big box corporate retail establishments to remain

open and fully operational,” said Smith.

According to a recent NFIB survey of members across Wisconsin, 97 percent said they support eliminating the essential and non-essential designations from emergency orders.