



CONNECTICUT

**TESTIMONY OF
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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS (NFIB)
SUPPORTING
SB-362, AA MODIFYING THE REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS OF REGULATIONS
AFFECTING SMALL BUSINESS
BEFORE THE
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
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A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB is Connecticut's and the nation's leading small-business association. In Connecticut, NFIB represents thousands of members and their employees. NFIB membership is scattered across the state and ranges from sophisticated high technology enterprises to "Main Street" small businesses to single-person "Mom & Pop" shops that operate in traditional ways. NFIB's mission is "To promote and protect the right of its members to own, operate, and grow their businesses." On behalf of those small- and independent- job-providers in Connecticut, NFIB/Connecticut offers the following comments:

NFIB/Connecticut strongly supports SB-362. This pro-small business bill will help state agencies and small businesses understand the true impact of regulations on small businesses. This bill would expand the existing requirements for "Reg Flex" (regulatory flexibility) analyses by broadening the definition of "small business" and enhancing the information that must be contained in a regulation's small business impact statement.

The proposed expansion of the "Reg Flex" analyses will further enhance the true impact regulations will have on the private sector as a whole, as well as small businesses in particular. Subpart (4), lines 27-35, will be especially helpful to small business owners as these considerations take into account operational as well as specific capital and cost concerns of a business, such as recordkeeping, paperwork, and potential employment impact, among other aspects.

Small business owners are encouraged by bills such as SB-362. Too often, laws and perhaps even to a greater extent, regulations, are passed without regard for their impact on Connecticut's business climate and employees, but fortunately this bill can help provide additional, relevant and useful information to regulators and lawmakers in the course of their deliberations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and NFIB urges support for this measure.