

## Mr. Daniel Murray Kansas State Director, National Federation of Independent Business

## Testimony in Support of HB2447 House Committee on Commerce, Labor & Economic Development Monday, March 23, 2023

Chairman and members of the committee, I am pleased to submit testimony on behalf of NFIB Kansas in support House Bill 2447 which provides much-needed certainty to many small business retailers. NFIB Kansas is the leading small business organization in Kansas representing small and independent businesses. A non-profit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB Kansas represents the consensus views of its nearly 4,000 members in Kansas.

House Bill 2447 states that a municipality shall not prohibit an individual, partnership, corporation or other business entity licensed to operate within the municipality from selling any product or service that is otherwise permitted under state law. This will protect small retailers include like grocery stores, supermarkets, convenience stores, liquor stores, dry cleaners, pharmacies, drug stores, hardware stores, clothing stores, department stores, pet stores and more. **These small business retailers are Main Street. They are the backbone of the Kansas economy.** 

Small businesses are managing challenges including labor shortages, rising inflation, supply chain disruptions, and the lingering effects of government mandates related to COVID-19. The last thing small business owners need is another local mandate which unreasonably restricts their business operations and increases the cost of doing business in Kansas. This bill provides the regulatory certainty that our small businesses want, need and deserve.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments today and we urge you to pass out HB2447 favorably.