



April 11, 2018

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, I write in support of H. J. Res. 2, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Small business owners must live within their budgets, and they strongly believe Congress should do the same. H. J. Res. 2 will be considered an NFIB Key Vote for the 115th Congress.

Requiring a balanced budget will provide the fiscal restraint necessary to rein in federal spending. NFIB members believe that a Constitutional amendment is necessary because attempts to balance the budget without it have been unsuccessful. When balloted, 90 percent of NFIB members supported a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

Ever-higher interest payments on the national debt are unsustainable and threaten small business owners who want to provide for their families, purchase homes, expand their businesses, and create jobs. Amending the Constitution to require a balanced budget would force the tough choices needed to get our nation's fiscal house in order.

NFIB members strongly support a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. A vote on H. J. Res. 2 will be considered an NFIB Key Vote for the 115th Congress. We look forward to working with you to protect small business as the 115th Congress moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Juanita D. Duggan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line at the end.

Juanita D. Duggan
President & CEO
NFIB