

# News from Senator Tim Golden

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## Small Business Group Endorses Golden

Valdosta, GA -- **State Senator Tim Golden** (D-Valdosta) announced today that the **National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)**, the largest small business association in Georgia with over 12,000 members, has endorsed his campaign for re-election to a fourth term in the State Senate.

In making the announcement, Melody Harrison, State Director for NFIB, stated, "Senator Golden has consistently fought for workers compensation reform; authored and passed Drugs Don't Work Program legislation; passed the first statewide "**Sales Tax Holiday**" bill in Georgia; sponsored and passed legislation to cut health care costs for small firms; and for four straight years authored and passed legislation that saved Georgia employers **\$1.5 billion** in unemployment insurance taxes over a seven year period. It is an outstanding record of accomplishment for business."

Golden has been the recipient of the prestigious NFIB "**Guardian of Small Business**" award not once, but twice in his career. He has a 100% voting record with both the NFIB and the Georgia State Chamber of Commerce for the 2003/2004 term of the General Assembly. He was voted "**Legislator of the Year**" by the Georgia Retail Association in 2000, and was awarded the first annual "**Champion of Business**" by the Valdosta Chamber of Commerce in 2002.

"It has been a pleasure working with NFIB, and other business groups during my fourteen years in the General Assembly, and I am proud to once again receive the backing and endorsement of the NFIB in my bid for re-election to a fourth term in the State Senate," said Golden. "NFIB does a great job representing small business at the State Capitol and I enjoy working with them on the many issues of mutual concern."

Golden is serving in his third term in the State Senate. He is a member of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee and the influential Insurance & Labor Committee, Higher Education, and Defense & Technology committees and serves as Vice Chairman of Interstate Cooperation.

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