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40 Legislators Named Guardians of Small Business

Each earned NFIB honor with perfect voting record on small-business issues

PHOENIX, Ariz., June 2, 2014 — The National Federation of Independent Business announced today that 27 members of the Arizona House of Representatives and 13 members of the Arizona Senate earned its coveted Guardian of Small Business award for their perfect voting records on small-business issues during the 51st Arizona Legislature.

The small business group also highlighted four extraordinary lawmakers from the ranks of the Guardians who distinguished themselves as NFIB/Arizona's Legislators of the Year.

"When they look in the mirror every legislator thinks he or she sees a small-business champion even though for many it's only a politically convenient delusion," said Farrell Quinlan, Arizona state director for NFIB. "The 40 Guardians of Small Business never wavered in their solidarity with Arizona's small-business owners. These legislators delivered solid proof, instead of a fleeting pose, on the issues most critical to the survival and success of our small businesses."

Senators **Gail Griffin** (R-Hereford LD14) and **Steve Yarbrough** (R-Chandler LD17) are recipients of the 2014 NFIB/Arizona Senator of the Year awards. Representatives **J.D. Mesnard** (R-Chandler LD17) and **Justin Olson** (R-Mesa LD25) are recipients of the 2014 NFIB/Arizona Representatives of the Year awards.



NFIB/Arizona will honor all of the Guardians of Small Business at a reception in July when each will receive a certificate noting their achievement, and the four Legislators of the Year receive NFIB's signature Minuteman trophy awarded to deserving members of Congress and state legislatures.

A complete list of Guardian of Small Business award recipients is on the next page followed by the full 2013-2014 NFIB/Arizona Legislative Voting Record, revealing the performance of every legislator on key small-business votes from the last two regular sessions.

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For more than 70 years, the National Federation of Independent Business has been the Voice of Small Business, taking the message from Main Street to the halls of Congress and all 50 state legislatures. NFIB annually surveys its members on state and federal issues vital to their survival as America's economic engine and biggest creator of jobs. NFIB's educational mission is to remind policymakers that small businesses are not smaller versions of bigger businesses; they have very different challenges and priorities.



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Guardians of Small Business

*Arizona Legislators with 100% Scores on the
2013-2014 NFIB/Arizona Legislative Voting Record*

Representative John Allen (R-Scottsdale LD15)
Senator Nancy Barto (R-Phoenix LD15)
Representative Brenda Barton (R-Payson LD6)
Senate President Andy Biggs (R-Gilbert LD12)
Representative Sonny Borrelli (R-Lake Havasu City LD5)
Representative Paul Boyer (R-Phoenix LD20)
Senator Judy Burges (R-Sun City West LD22)
Senator Chester Crandell (R-Heber LD6)
Representative Karen Fann (R-Prescott LD1)
Senator David Farnsworth (R-Mesa LD16)
Representative Eddie Farnsworth (R-Gilbert LD12)
Representative Tom Forese (R-Chandler LD17)
Representative David Gowan (R-Sierra Vista LD14)
Representative Rick Gray (R-Sun City LD21)
Senator Gail Griffin (R-Hereford LD14)
Representative John Kavanagh (R-Fountain Hills LD23)
Representative Adam Kwasman (R-Oro Valley LD11)
Representative Debbie Lesko (R-Glendale LD21)
Representative David Livingston (R-Peoria LD22)
Representative Phil Lovas (R-Peoria LD22)
Senator Al Melvin (R-Tucson LD11)
Representative J.D. Mesnard (R-Chandler LD17)
Representative Darin Mitchell (R-Litchfield Park LD13)
Representative Steve Montenegro (R-Avondale LD13)
Senator Rick Murphy (R-Peoria LD21)
Representative Justin Olson (R-Mesa LD25)
Representative Warren Petersen (R-Gilbert LD12)
Representative Justin Pierce (R-Mesa LD25)
Senator Michele Reagan (R-Scottsdale LD23)
Representative Carl Seel (R-Phoenix LD20)
Senator Don Shooter (R-Yuma LD13)
Representative Steve Smith (R-Maricopa LD11)
Representative David Stevens (R-Sierra Vista LD14)
Representative Bob Thorpe (R-Flagstaff LD6)
House Speaker Andy Tobin (R-Prescott Valley LD1)
Representative Kelly Townsend (R-Mesa LD16)
Representative Michelle Ugenti (R-Scottsdale LD23)
Senator Kelli Ward (R-Lake Havasu City LD5)
Senator Steve Yarbrough (R-Chandler LD17)
Senator Kimberly Yee (R-Phoenix LD20)

Votes on 2013-2014 NFIB/Arizona Legislative Voting Record

HB 2010: Medicaid Expansion (Pratt) – Expands eligibility for Arizona’s Medicaid program (a.k.a., AHCCCS) to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level in accordance with the Obamacare law. Passed the Senate 18-11-1. Passed the House 33-27. Signed into law by the governor. (2013)

HB 2111: Sales Tax (TPT) Simplification (Lesko) – Simplifies the administration and collection of the sales tax including adoption of a single, uniform audit system and clarifies that service contractors who work directly for the property owner and whose work is limited to the maintenance, repair or replacement of existing property are to pay sales tax at point-of-sale. Passed the Senate 29-0-1. Passed the House 58-1-1. Signed into law by the governor. (2013)

HB 2147: Unemployment Benefits Proof of Eligibility (Petersen) – Reverses the practice of routinely declaring nearly all unemployment benefit claimants eligible by putting the burden of proof on the claimant to establish eligibility. Passed the Senate 17-12-1. Passed the House 34-24-2. Signed into law by the governor. (2013)

HB 2280: Employee Benefit Mandate State Preemption (Forese) – Declares exclusive state authority over regulation of compensation, paid and unpaid leave, meal breaks, rest periods and other absences. Passed the Senate 17-11-2. Passed the House 32-27-1. Signed into law by the governor. (2013)

SB 1346: Class Action Reform (Shooter) – Institutes class action lawsuit reform that will diminish civil litigation abuse that kills jobs and makes it much harder for small businesses to survive and prosper. Passed the Senate 16-13-1. Passed the House 35-24-1. Signed into law by the governor. (2013)

HB 2115: Severance Pay Definition for Unemployment Insurance (Fann) – Defines "severance pay" to determining whether a person is unemployed for unemployment insurance purposes. Passed the Senate 19-9-2. Passed the House 35-20-5. Signed into law by the governor. (2014)

HB 2260: Small Business Bill of Rights (Forese) – Requires each state agency that conducts audits, inspections or other enforcement actions to create and post on their website a small business bill of rights disclosing a regulated small business’ due process rights. Passed the Senate 28-0-2. Passed the House 54-1-5. Signed into law by the governor. (2014)

HB 2288: Reduced Reporting Requirements for Sales Tax (Lesko) – Reduces the frequency of sales tax remittances for smaller retail operations on an annual, quarterly or monthly basis. Passed the Senate 29-0-1. Passed the House 57-0-3. Signed into law by the governor. (2014)

HB 2377: Inflation Indexing of Income Tax Brackets (Olson) – Halts “bracket creep” for tax year 2015 by indexing the individual income tax rate brackets to inflation. Passed the Senate 18-11-1. Passed the House 55-0-5. Signed into law by the governor. (2014)

HB 2508: Navigator Licensure and Background Checks (Lovas) – Requires Obamacare navigators operating in Arizona to pass a criminal background check and be licensed by the state. Passed the Senate 19-10-1. Passed the House 36-21-3. Signed into law by the governor. (2014)

HB 2664: \$500,000 Instant Expensing Allowance (Mesnard) – Would have permanently allowed for business expensing up to \$500,000 similar to Section 179 expensing at the federal level. Passed the Senate 22-1-7. Passed the House 52-4-4. Vetoed by the governor. (2014)

SB 1048: S Corp Eligibility for Corporate STO Tax Credit Program (Yarbrough) – Would have extended eligibility to participate in the corporate school tuition tax credit program to “pass through” entities who file as S corps. Passed the Senate 17-12-1. Passed the House 35-25. Vetoed by the governor. (2014)

Arizona House Votes	2013					2014							
	HB 2010	HB 2111	HB 2147	HB 2280	SB 1346	HB 2115	HB 2260	HB 2288	HB 2377	HB 2508	HB 2664	SB 1048	
NFIB Position	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
John Allen (R-Scottsdale LD15)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Lela Alston (D-Phoenix LD24)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	33%
Brenda Barton (R-Payson LD6)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Sonny Borrelli (R-Lake Havasu City LD5)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Paul Boyer (R-Phoenix LD20)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	100%
Kate Brophy McGee (R-Phoenix LD28)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	83%
Chad Campbell (D-Phoenix LD24)	Y	Y	N	*	N	*	*	Y	Y	N	Y	N	44%
Mark Cardenas (D-Phoenix LD19)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	42%
Heather Carter (R-Cave Creek LD15)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	75%
Demion Clinco (D-Tucson LD2) ¹						N	Y	Y	Y	N	*	N	50%
Doug Coleman (R-Apache Junction LD16)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	92%
Lupe Contreras (D-Avondale LD19)	Y	Y	N	N	N	*	*	Y	Y	N	Y	N	40%
Andrea Dalessandro (D-Green Valley LD2) ²	Y	Y	N	N	N								20%
Jeff Dial (R-Chandler LD18)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	83%
Juan Carlos Escamilla (D-San Luis LD4)	Y	Y	N	N	N	*	*	Y	Y	N	Y	N	40%
Karen Fann (R-Prescott LD1)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Eddie Farnsworth (R-Gilbert LD12)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Tom Forese (R-Chandler LD17)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Rosanna Gabaldón (D-Green Valley LD2)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	42%
Ruben Gallego (D-Phoenix LD27) ³	Y	Y	N	N	N				*				20%
Sally Ann Gonzales (D-Tucson LD3)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	42%
Doris Goodale (R-Kingman LD5)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	92%
David Gowan (R-Sierra Vista LD14)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Rick Gray (R-Sun City LD21)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Albert Hale (D-St. Michaels LD7)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	42%
Lydia Hernández (D-Phoenix LD29)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	*	N	Y	N	36%
John Kavanagh (R-Fountain Hills LD23)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Adam Kwasman (R-Oro Valley LD11)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	100%

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Voting Record Key	
Y	Voted "YES" on the legislation
N	Voted "NO" on the legislation
*	No recorded vote
	Not in office at the time of vote

¹ = Demion Clinco (D-Tucson LD2) appointed February 4, 2014 to replace Andrea Dalessandro

² = Andrea Dalessandro (D-Green Valley LD2) vacated seat on January 22, 2014 when appointed to Senate seat

³ = Ruben Gallego (D-Phoenix LD27) resigned on March 17, 2014 to run for Congress

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NFIB Position	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Jonathan Larkin (D-Glendale LD30)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	42%
Debbie Lesko (R-Glendale LD21)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
David Livingston (R-Peoria LD22)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Phil Lovas (R-Peoria LD22)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Stefanie Mach (D-Tucson LD10)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	33%
Debbie McCune Davis (D-Phoenix LD30)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	*	Y	*	N	N	30%
Juan Mendez (D-Tempe LD26)	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	*	Y	*	N	N	10%
J.D. Mesnard (R-Chandler LD17)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Eric Meyer (D-Paradise Valley LD28)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	*	N	36%
Catherine Miranda (D-Phoenix LD27)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	*	Y	*	*	N	33%
Darin Mitchell (R-Litchfield Park LD13)	N	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Steve Montenegro (R-Avondale LD13)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Norma Munoz (D-Phoenix LD27) ⁴						N	N	Y		N	Y	N	33%
Justin Olson (R-Mesa LD25)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Ethan Orr (R-Tucson LD9)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	92%
Lisa Otondo (D-Yuma LD4)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	42%
Jamescita Peshlakai (D-Cameron LD7)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	42%
Warren Petersen (R-Gilbert LD12)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Justin Pierce (R-Mesa LD25)	N	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	100%
Frank Pratt (R-Casa Grande LD8)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	91%
Martín Quezada (D-Phoenix LD29)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	42%
Bob Robson (R-Chandler LD18)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	83%
Macario Saldate IV (D-Tucson LD3)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	42%
Carl Seel (R-Phoenix LD20)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Andrew Sherwood (D-Mesa LD26)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	42%
T.J. Shope (R-Coolidge LD8)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	92%
Steve Smith (R-Maricopa LD11)	N	*	Y	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Victoria Steele (D-Tucson LD9)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	42%
David Stevens (R-Sierra Vista LD14)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Bob Thorpe (R-Flagstaff LD6)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Andy Tobin (R-Prescott Valley LD1)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Kelly Townsend (R-Mesa LD16)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Michelle Ugenti (R-Scottsdale LD23)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Bruce Wheeler (D-Tucson LD10)	Y	Y	N	N	N	*	*	Y	Y	N	Y	N	40%

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⁴ = Norma Munoz (D-Phoenix LD27) appointed March 24, 2014 to replace Ruben Gallego

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	HB 2010	HB 2111	HB 2147	HB 2280	SB 1346	HB 2115	HB 2260	HB 2288	HB 2377	HB 2508	HB 2664	SB 1048	
NFIB Position	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Ed Ableser (D-Tempe LD26)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	*	Y	N	N	*	N	20%
Nancy Barto (R-Phoenix LD15)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Carlyle Begay (D-Ganado LD7) ⁵						N	Y	Y	N	Y	*	N	50%
Andy Biggs (R-Gilbert LD12)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
David Bradley (D-Tucson LD10)	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	50%
Judy Burges (R-Sun City West LD22)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Olivia Cajero Bedford (D-Tucson LD3)	Y	Y	N	N	N	*	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	45%
Rich Crandall (R-Mesa LD16) ⁶	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y								80%
Chester Crandell (R-Heber LD6)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Andrea Dalessandro (D-Green Valley LD2) ⁷						N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	29%
Adam Driggs (R-Phoenix LD28)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	92%
Steve Farley (D-Tucson LD9)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	*	N	36%
David Farnsworth (R-Mesa LD16) ⁸						Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Steve Gallardo (D-Phoenix LD29)	Y	Y	N	N	N	*	*	*	N	*	*	*	17%
Gail Griffin (R-Hereford LD14)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Katie Hobbs (D-Phoenix LD24)	Y	Y	N	*	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	N	50%
Jack Jackson Jr. (D-Window Rock LD7) ⁹	Y	Y	N	N	N								20%
Leah Landrum Taylor (D-Phoenix LD27)	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	*	N	36%
Linda Lopez (D-Tucson LD2) ¹⁰	Y	Y	N	N	N								20%
John McComish (R-Phoenix LD18)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	83%
Barbara McGuire (D-Kearny LD8)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	33%
Al Melvin (R-Tucson LD11)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Robert Meza (D-Phoenix LD30)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	33%
Rick Murphy (R-Peoria LD21)	*	*	Y	Y	*	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Lynne Pancrazi (D-Yuma LD4)	Y	Y	*	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	36%
Steve Pierce (R-Prescott LD1)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	83%
Michele Reagan (R-Scottsdale LD23)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	*	Y	*	Y	100%
Don Shooter (R-Yuma LD13)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Anna Tovar (D-Tolleson LD19)	Y	Y	N	*	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	36%
Kelli Ward (R-Lake Havasu City LD5)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Bob Worsley (R-Mesa LD25)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	92%
Steve Yarbrough (R-Chandler LD17)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%
Kimberly Yee (R-Phoenix LD20)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100%

⁵ = **Carlyle Begay** (D-Ganado LD7) appointed August 8, 2013 to replace Jack Jackson, Jr.

⁶ = **Rich Crandall** (R-Mesa LD16) vacated seat on August 22, 2013

⁷ = **Andrea Dalessandro** (D-Green Valley LD2) appointed January 22, 2014 to replace Linda Lopez

⁸ = **David Farnsworth** (R-Mesa LD16) appointed September 11, 2013 to replace Rich Crandall

⁹ = **Jack Jackson Jr.** (D-Window Rock LD7) resigned on July 12, 2013

¹⁰ = **Linda Lopez** (D-Tucson LD2) resigned on January 13, 2014