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To: Maryland Business Tax Reform Commission
From: Ellen Valentino
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Re: Now is not the time for new taxes on business

The NFIB urges the Maryland Business Tax Reform Commission to reject any recommendations that would impose new taxes on Maryland's business community.

In light of the difficult economy, the announcement that again employers will pay the highest rate of unemployment insurance, the uncertainty around federal tax liabilities, and the need to attract, retain and grow jobs, you should reject recommendations that will impose a new tax burden on any Maryland business, big or small.

Small businesses often rely on business to business work. For example, catering, decorating, cleaning, office supply purchases and upgrades, when there is less money to spend for these disposable needs, the small business community will feel the trickle down effect quickly and suffer as a result.