

**SUBJECT:** **Joyce Haas is the clear pro-small-business candidate for state Representative**  
*Incumbent Scott Conklin only supported small business 25-percent of the time*

**TO:** **NFIB Small Business Members in 77th state House district**

**FROM:** **Kevin Shivers, NFIB Pennsylvania Director**

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Small business owners have an important decision to make on Election Day. The choice for NFIB members in your area could not be clearer: **Joyce Haas** for State Representative!

**Joyce Haas** is a community leader who is a vocal opponent of increased government spending and high taxes; and an advocate for less regulation and fewer taxes so small businesses will have a greater incentive to grow and hire.

Incumbent state **Rep. Scott Conklin** has not been a friend to small business, as evidenced by his 25-percent rating in the 2010 NFIB voting record. His votes against small business in favor of personal injury lawyers, union bosses and other spending advocates prove that he doesn't understand the negative impact that high taxes and expensive mandates have on Pennsylvania's job creators.

- **Rep. Conklin** cosponsored HR 262 (2009-10) that would urge Congress to pass "Card-Check" legislation that would take away a worker's right to vote a private ballot in union elections and also force small businesses into mandatory binding arbitration.
- **Rep. Conklin** voted for HB 1 (2009-10) that would expand government-run health insurance in Pennsylvania. The legislation ultimately would require new and higher business taxes to pay for the expansion.
- **Rep. Conklin** voted for HB 1531 (2009-10) that raised nearly \$2 billion in taxes on business by retroactively raising the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax rate and extending the tax for several more years.
- **Rep. Conklin** voted for HB 2405 (2009-10) that would impose new alternative energy mandates that the Pennsylvania Office of Small Business Advocate acknowledged would result in higher electricity rates for small business.
- **Rep. Conklin** voted for HB 2246 that would expand lawsuit abuse in Pennsylvania and raise auto insurance premiums as much as 10-percent. The measure would overturn a 40-year-old state court decision that prevented lawyers from discussing specific damage awards with juries during closing arguments.
- **Rep. Conklin** co-sponsored HB 349 (2007-08) which would raise the minimum wage to \$9.35 an hour and impose an automatic annual cost-of-living adjustments (COLA)

Small business is the heart and soul of Pennsylvania's economy and will play an important role in our economic recovery. But our recovery only can begin when state government breaks with the failed, tax-and-spend policies of the last several years and begins to roll-back the tax and regulatory burdens on small business. To learn more about what you can do to help elect pro-small-business candidates in Pennsylvania, please visit:

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