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Ohio BWC Infusion Will Help Small Businesses Weather The Storm

COLUMBUS, April 8, 2020 – NFIB, the state's leading small business association, issued the following statement on the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, pending board approval, returning \$1.4 billion dollars back to Ohio private employers. This statement can be attributed to Roger Geiger, Executive Director for NFIB in Ohio.

"Today's news that the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) has been asked to return \$1.4 billion back to Ohio private employers is certainly welcome. We encourage the BWC board to act on the Governor's recommendation as quickly as possible. With the state fund comprised almost entirely of small businesses, this will definitely provide a much-needed cash infusion to many entrepreneurs," said Roger Geiger, Executive Director for NFIB in Ohio.

"Early on in discussions with the DeWine administration, NFIB ranked this rebate of funds, which are all employer money, as a high priority in helping businesses navigate their way through the coronavirus crisis," he continued.

"We appreciate Governor DeWine and Administrator McCloud for recognizing the importance of putting dollars back in the hands of small business owners during these uncertain times. Every penny counts as they weather this storm and prepare to get back to full operations when this battle with COVID-19 ends," Geiger concluded.

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