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Ohio Small Businesses Understand Need To Continue Distancing

COLUMBUS, April 2, 2020 – NFIB, the state's leading small business association, issued the following statement on the order today to extend the Stay at Home Order to May 1, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 crisis. This statement can be attributed to Roger Geiger, Executive Director for NFIB in Ohio.

"The leadership displayed by Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, and Ohio Health Department Director Acton in responding to this unprecedented crisis is sincerely appreciated and is saving the lives of Ohioans. The extension of the Stay at Home Order allows our state to flatten the curve and protect our citizens," said Roger Geiger, Executive Director for NFIB in Ohio.

"The small business owners of Ohio are eager to get back to business. However, they understand that when they do so they need a healthy workforce and customer base to return to the prosperous economy they were enjoying prior to the coronavirus onset," he continued.

"The Governor recognizes Ohio needs to have a long-term economic recovery strategy in place. We appreciate the creation of an economic advisory council led by Ohio business leaders that includes small business owners," Geiger concluded.

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