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*Forward,
This was delivered
on the 9th
Mr. Burson was
concerned that
you know when
it was delivered.
Jimmy*

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September 9, 1974

The Honorable Jimmy Carter
Governor of Georgia
State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor:

Enclosed as you requested is the NFIB National Issue Position Paper prepared by our Washington Office under the direction of National President Wilson S. Johnson and the Federation's Board of Directors.

The Federation is profoundly grateful to you and your Committee for this opportunity to present its positions on issues of concern to the independent businesses of this nation and its staff and resources are at your service for any additional data or materials you may wish.

Thank you for all your many courtesies to the Federation and to me and please call on us whenever our organization or its 392,902 Members can be of assistance to you in any way.

In highest esteem and with deepest gratitude and warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

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Bill Burson

Enclosures

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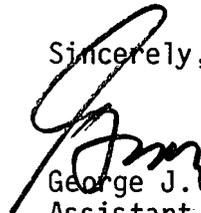
Mr. William H. Burson
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Dear Bill:

Enclosed is the national issue position paper which you asked Curt to request for your presentation to Governor Carter. The points covered are much condensed versions of material submitted to us by Fred Williford and the Washington Staff. He and the Staff are at the Governor's service, or yours, if additional information is required.

Hope this finds you in the best.

Sincerely,



George J. Burger, Jr.
Assistant to the President

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Enclosure

cc: Wilson Johnson
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Curt Thatcher
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POSITION OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS ON FEDERAL ISSUES

1. Occupational Safety and Health Act: OSHA must be reformed - standards simplified, first instance citation abolished, economic impact reports required, on-site consultation and programs encouraging voluntary compliance adopted.
2. Anti-trust Laws: Vigorous enforcement sought to achieve well functioning markets as to both prices and wages, and consequent fairness in competition for small firms.
3. Economic Controls: NFIB opposed to such as being counterproductive and extremely injurious to small, independent businesses.
4. Energy Crisis: Small firms must take their fair share of responsibility for conservation. However, the small businessman must not be expected to take a disproportionate share of the burden in times of energy shortages, as has been the case in the past.
5. Small Business Administration: SBA is woefully understaffed and underfunded, to the point it cannot fulfill its Congressional mandate. Revitalization of its 7(a) Direct Loan Program is one of our major goals.
6. Paper work: NFIB supports all efforts to relieve, insofar as is possible, small firms from burdens of Federal reports and forms now required of business.
7. Rural Job Development: NFIB urges the use of tax incentives to promote job development in our rural areas. Such is necessary as a long-range answer to many of our Nation's serious ills.
8. Metric Conversion: NFIB insists that any legislation that would commit the U.S. to metric include adequate safeguards, in the form of technical and financial aids to assist small businesses, and a comprehensive practical education program to prepare the consuming public for the changeover.
9. Small Business Committees: Small business must be represented in both the House and Senate by Small Business Committees equipped with legislative authority.
10. Tax Reform: NFIB seeks a liberalization of the first year depreciation allowance, a decrease in the useful life for depreciation purposes on equipment, an increase to \$150,000 of accumulated earnings not subject to tax, an increase to 10 years in the carry forward of losses, and a simplified LIFO accounting procedure for small business. It seeks also an increase in the investment tax credit for small firms, a graduated corporate income tax structure, an increase in the surtax exemption to \$100,000, and less frequent collection of certain employment, social security, and excise taxes.
11. Pension Reform: NFIB supports the keyhole type of pension plan, increased levels of contributions to pension plans without tax, individual retirement accounts and increased levels of contribution to these accounts without tax.

12. Minimum Wage: NFIB opposes further increases in Federal Minimum Wage levels, on economic operational grounds, and seeks broader exceptions for youth employment.
13. Emergency Strike Legislation: Favor legislation to end crippling strikes, especially those in the areas of all forms of transportation - rail, truck, ship, barge, pipeline.
14. Transportation: NFIB urges Federal and State agencies to prevent abandonment of rail lines essential to smaller, and often rural, communities, and clarification and improvement of ICC rules on trucking.
15. Consumer Laws: NFIB supports protection of consumer interests but is convinced that these are adequately safeguarded by present agency structure, and sees no need for addition of further bureaucracy.
16. Workman's Compensation: The States, as recommended by the National Commission on State Workman's Compensation Laws, should have an opportunity to update their own laws before any serious consideration is given to proposals for federal standards for state workman's compensation laws.
17. Franchising: Many small businesses today operate under franchise arrangements. They must be protected, and NFIB supports all efforts to accomplish this.
18. Compulsory Health Insurance: NFIB urges strongly that before any action is taken in this area intensive studies be made into the increasingly costly nature of current health services delivery programs (Medicare, Medicaide, etc.) to determine why they have not provided the benefits promised.
19. Social Security: NFIB is convinced that the present system is actuarially unsound. It urges that an intensive study be made of the system, with changes made to make it sound without an increasing tax burden - and provision made to change it over to an elective basis.
20. Food Stamps: NFIB believes it wrong for food stamps to be issued to workers who have quit their jobs voluntarily in order to strike.