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Second Ohio BWC Infusion For 2020 Will Help Keep Small Businesses Going

COLUMBUS, August 20, 2020 – NFIB, the state's leading small business association, issued the following statement on the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, pending board approval, returning 1.5 billion dollars back to Ohio private employers. This statement can be attributed to Roger Geiger, Executive Director for NFIB in Ohio.

"The announcement today that the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) has been asked by Governor Mike DeWine to return an additional \$1.5 billion back to Ohio private employers will provide a helpful cash infusion to small business owners. As the state fund being comprised almost entirely of small businesses, these dollars will be important as the pandemic continues and they see sales suffering," said Roger Geiger, Executive Director for NFIB in Ohio.

"As family-owned businesses continue to navigate their way through the coronavirus crisis, the state of Ohio can play a vital role in helping them hold on to their employees and keep the doors open. We appreciate Governor DeWine and Administrator McCloud for putting critical dollars back in the hands of small business owners during these uncertain times," Geiger concluded.

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