Congressman Pence at a recent visit to a Wayne County small business

U.S. Congressman Mike Pence has been named a "Guardian of Small Business Award" by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) for his support of small businesses in the 111th Congress. Guardian awards are given to U.S. Representatives who vote favorably on key small business issues at least 70 percent of the time.

"In the 111th Congress, Representative Mike Pence proved that he is a champion of small business," NFIB President and CEO Dan Danner said. **"The Guardian of Small Business Award is a token of the deep appreciation that small business owners have for elected officials who promote and protect their right to own, operate and grow their businesses."**

"We need Washington to foster a climate in which small businesses have the opportunity

to innovate and expand," Congressman Pence said. **"A new generation of entrepreneurs must have the resources and freedom to succeed or fail. I will continue to do all I can to support Hoosier small businesses."**