Columbus, IN - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence issued the following statement today recognizing Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011, as "Small Business Saturday" and commended America's small businesses for their many contributions. Small Business Saturday is a national initiative that drives shoppers to local, independently-owned merchants.

"Small businesses play a vital role in our economy," said Pence. "Over the past 15 years, they created 64 percent of net new jobs. We need to get our economy back on track, and one way to do it is to help our local Hoosier businesses."

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