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More Small Businesses Look Forward To Reopening

COLUMBUS, May 7, 2020 – NFIB, the state's leading small business association, issued the following statement on the announcement by Governor Mike DeWine on the reopening of Ohio restaurants and personal services operations. This statement can be attributed to Roger Geiger, Executive Director for NFIB in Ohio.

"Ohio's personal service industry and restaurants are eager to get back to serving their loyal customers. Governor Mike DeWine's announcement today that they can get back, at least partially, to inviting Ohioans to their businesses on May 15, with restaurants serving individuals outdoors only until May 21, was greeted with welcome anticipation. They have been anxious to reopen for some time," said **Roger Geiger, Executive Director for NFIB** in Ohio.

"As they look to put people back to work responsibly, they realize they need to do so in a safe manner. Small business owners in all economic sectors understand for the relaunch of Ohio's commerce to be successful, they need to follow the five protocols laid out by the DeWine Administration. Their first responsibility remains the safety of their employees and customers, as without either of those it is impossible to operate," he continued.

"We appreciate the inclusion by Governor DeWine of so many small business owners on the advisory committees who worked to establish the best practices to be utilized in the initial reopening. As our state gets our economy back to full strength, NFIB looks forward to working with Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and the Ohio Legislature. The economic engine of Ohio, small business, is looking forward to doing its part," Geiger concluded.

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