WASHINGTON, D.C. – Recently, the members of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) awarded Congressman Kevin McCarthy the NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award for the 111th Congress. The Guardian of Small Business Award is awarded to members of Congress who have voting records that reflect strong support for small businesses and the free enterprise system. Congressman McCarthy issued the following statement:

"Small businesses are the engines of our economy and what they need right now is certainty for the future. Unfortunately, Congress left town last week without providing any tax or regulatory assurance for the future. Congress can still act and must act before the end of the year to extend tax relief for all small businesses to provide a firm foundation so that they can plan for the future and help create jobs."

NFIB President and CEO Dan Danner issued the following statement:

"During the 111th Congress, Representative McCarthy proved that he is a champion of small business. 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."

Background:

• The National Federation of Independent Business is the leading small business association representing small and independent businesses. A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its members in Washington and all 50 state capitals.

NFIB President and CEO Dan Danner presenting Rep. Kevin McCarthy receiving the NFIB Guardian of Small Business Award from