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To: The Honorable Members of the House Labor Committee  
Date: June 15, 2023  
From: Amanda Fisher, NFIB Michigan State Director  
Re: Opposition to House Bill 4231 – Project Labor Agreements

On behalf of over 10,000 small business owners in Michigan, NFIB is writing to express its opposition to House Bill 4231 which would repeal the Fair and Open Competition in Governmental Construction Act

This Act currently prohibits union-only project labor agreements and allows all contractors, regardless of union or non-union affiliation, to have equal access to competitively bid for any and all public construction project contracts.

Project Labor Agreements discriminate against small companies, many who are non-union, who are unable to bid on these projects – shutting out local businesses and workers.

In addition, when non-union contractors – who make up the vast majority of construction firms – are prohibited from bidding on projects funded with public dollars, taxpayers are forced to pay inflated costs due to the limitations on open bidding. This is unwise stewardship of the tax dollars entrusted to government by the citizens.

For these reasons, please vote NO on HB 4231.

Thank you for your support of small business.