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NFIB/Georgia Responds to Tax Reform Panel's Recommendations

ATLANTA, **Jan. 10**, **2011** – Kyle Jackson, Georgia state director of the National Federation of Independent Business, today responded to the recommendations of the Special Council on Tax Reform and Fairness.

"There's a lot here to digest, but we were especially glad to see that the council wants to reduce personal income taxes," Jackson said. "That's a big issue with our members, because many of them a sole proprietorships and pay taxes on their businesses at the personal tax rate.

"Gerry Harkins, who chairs the NFIB/Georgia Leadership Council, was part of this 10-member panel appointed by the General Assembly, and it's clear they put a lot of thought and work into these recommendations," Jackson said.

"For us, however, the next step will be balloting our members on the provisions," he said. "NFIB's public policy positions are based on input from our members. Our Member Ballot is a key part of that process.

"We're looking forward to working with Gov. Deal and members of the House and Senate on tax reform and other legislation that encourages Georgia's small businesses to grow and create jobs and lead Georgia out of this economic slump."

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