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Congressman Darin LaHood
1424 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman LaHood:

The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) was founded in 1975 in Washington, D.C. to serve as the first advocacy organization for all women business owners. Forty-four years later we are proud to carry on the tradition of our founders and represent the more than 10 million women business owners in this country.

Women business owners are a diverse subset of our nation's business community and a significant contributor to our nation's economy. Within our NAWBO membership, 25% of NAWBO members exceed more than \$1M in annual revenue. In addition, we are proud to represent solopreneurs, microbusiness owners, and women whose businesses occupy the SME space.

On behalf of our membership, I am writing to commend you for sponsoring the Small Business Tax Fairness and Compliance Simplification Act, which is designed to modernize the FICA tax tip credit by extending it to the beauty industry. The majority of employers in the beauty industry are women small business owners. This bill would benefit both employers and employees by providing much needed modernization and simplification in various administrative reporting and compliance procedures.

We applaud you for your work on this important issue in a bipartisan manner.

It is my pleasure to convey our organization's support for this legislation and our readiness to work with you moving forward.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Armbrust
NAWBO National Board Chair