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National business, free market groups give awards to Amash

Amash scores trio of accolades from leading economic advocates

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Three national business and free market groups in the past week gave awards to Rep. Justin Amash (R-Mich.) for his record on economic issues.

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) gave Amash its “Guardian of Small Business” award for his support of tax relief and domestic energy production and combatting Obamacare. The NFIB represents 350,000 small and independent business owners in the United States.

“The record shows that Rep. Amash is a true champion of small business, supporting the votes that matter in the 113th Congress,” said NFIB President and CEO Dan Danner. “This award reflects our members’ appreciation for supporting the NFIB pro-growth agenda for small business.”

The National Taxpayers Union (NTU) similarly gave Amash their “Taxpayers’ Friend” award for 2013. Amash scored second-highest on NTU’s scorecard in the entire House. NTU rates congressmen on every vote concerning taxes, spending, and debt. NTU is one of the oldest taxpayer organizations, and it advocates for “tax relief and reform, lower and less wasteful [government] spending, individual liberty, and free enterprise.”

“With so many remaining doubts that our economy has completely turned a corner, it’s never been more important for Washington to change direction on fiscal policy,” NTU President Pete Sepp said. “Fortunately, the taxpayers of Michigan’s Third District could count on Rep. Amash to help put our nation on a saner path. Day in and day out, Rep. Amash earned the title of ‘Taxpayers’ Friend.’”

Finally, the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) gave Amash its “Champion of the Worker” award for a “perfect voting record[] on key employment and workforce issues” in this Congress.

Referring to the 28 House members who won the award, CEI’s Aloysius Hogan said, “These lawmakers resisted all of the accounting gimmickry, unfunded government handouts that burden future workers, and additional federal mandates that put people’s jobs and economic well-being at risk.”

“I’m honored to receive awards from the major business and free enterprise groups,” said Amash. “I work for ordinary Americans and against the inside deals hatched by special interests and Washington politicians. I will continue fighting for smaller government, less regulation, and more freedom for the American people.”

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