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Support Continues to Grow for Shuler's SAVE Act *Business and Labor Groups Form Rare Alliance Behind Commonsense Immigration Bill*

Washington, D.C. – The Secure America through Verification and Enforcement Act (SAVE Act) introduced by Representative Heath Shuler continued to gain momentum today as the legislation was endorsed by the National Federation of Independent Business and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The SAVE Act, which has bipartisan support and over 100 cosponsors, seeks to end illegal immigration by securing the nation's Northern and Southern borders, ensuring those working in the U.S. are doing so legally, and strengthening the enforcement of existing laws.

In their letter of endorsement the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business advocacy group, said Rep. Shuler's SAVE Act strikes a, "fair balance between increased enforcement and limiting regulatory burdens placed on small business."

"NFIB members believe that in order for an immigration reform effort to be successful, the requirements and enforcement provisions must be workable, efficient and fair for small businesses," Dan Danner, NFIB's executive vice president said. "As Congress debates this issue, it's important that they take into account how any legislation will affect small-business owners and the economy. A thoughtful and deliberate process is the best path for lawmakers as they consider this contentious issue, and we commend Rep. Shuler for his leadership and want to continue working with him and the cosponsors to make sure that all the concerns of small business are addressed as the bill moves forward."

Similarly, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), which represents more than 725,000 American workers, supported the SAVE Act because it focuses on denying, "entry of all unauthorized immigrants into the United States by securing its borders to the maximum extent possible without compromising constitutionally guaranteed personal and civil liberties." The IBEW went on to say that, "mass unregulated immigration into the United States creates unfair wage competition, which is detrimental to the best interests of U.S. citizens and legal residents..."

The IBEW called the SAVE Act, "a tangible first step in achieving true reform of the U.S. immigration system."

Rep. Shuler noted that the endorsements from the NFIB and IBEW show that the SAVE Act provides the best solution to the issue of illegal immigration. "The SAVE Act is commonsense legislation that is bringing people together to address this difficult issue. I was proud to work with the NFIB and IBEW while drafting this legislation because of their strong representation of American businesses and American workers. I deeply appreciate their continued support for this bill as we work to pass the SAVE Act into law."

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