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## ***Results of National Poll of Women Impacting Public Policy Members February 11, 2004***

- **50% of all respondents said that they have considered or would consider selling** their business early rather than have their children sell the business at their death, to pay for the 49% estate tax.
- **One out of four (23%),** principal business owners said, that if they died tomorrow, **the business would have to be sold to pay the estate tax.**
- **81%** of the respondents said that they would **vote for a candidate** that would **eliminate the estate or death tax** whereas **15%** said that they **would vote** for someone that would **keep the inheritance tax.**

**Once again, owners and employers have articulated in vivid detail the destructive nature of the death tax on their economic enterprise. Family businesses already face tremendous bureaucratic challenges, and daunting economic odds in the pursuit of prosperity and the desire to transfer that business from one generation to the next. For too many people — and too many businesses — death of the owner translates into the death of the business and a loss of jobs. Sale of the business in anticipation of paying the death tax usually means consolidation, which means a loss of jobs to the community. Killing the death tax will breath life into family businesses at a time when they need help the most.**