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**The PRO Act Threatens Skilled Independent Contractors in their Fields of Expertise**  
***Fight for Freelancers launches fourth video in its Right vs. Wrong series***

WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 22, 2021 – Fight For Freelancers USA, a nonpartisan, self-funded grassroots group of independent contractors, creatives and small businesses, has launched the fourth video in its Right vs. Wrong series urging lawmakers to reject the PRO Act's ABC Test, after similar legislation caused economic devastation for many skilled independent contractors in California.

The PRO Act contains oversimplified language called the ABC Test to determine whether someone is an independent contractor or an employee. In 2020, California's ABC Test law, called Assembly Bill 5, caused so much chaos that legislators had to add more than 100 professional exemptions. The long list of affected professions includes per diem nurses, musicians, translators, physical therapists, filmmakers, software developers, speech pathologists, freelance writers, and more.

The PRO Act would introduce the ABC Test into federal law for the first time. President Biden campaigned on a pledge to make this ABC Test the basis for all labor, employment and tax law, following the model that continues to cause so much chaos in California.

**WATCH the new two-minute video [at the Fight For Freelancers USA website](#):**



“A lot of the media coverage about the PRO Act focuses on low-income app-based workers, but they represent a tiny fraction of America’s tens of millions of independent contractors,” says Fight for Freelancers co-founder and freelance writer Kim Kavin of New Jersey. “Many independent contractors are

high-earning, skilled small-business owners. We should not be misclassified as employees of our clients in the PRO Act, or in any other federal law or regulation.”

Part B of the ABC Test is the problem for so many independent contractors. It states that an independent contractor cannot provide services in the same line of business as any company paying her.

“It is ridiculous to even consider legislation that threatens the ability of an independent musician to play a single set at a music festival, or a translator to provide services to a translation company, or a freelance writer to sell an article to a magazine or newspaper,” says Fight For Freelancers co-founder and freelance writer Karon Warren of Georgia. “The ABC Test in the PRO Act is wildly overreaching. Lawmakers must reject the PRO Act as long as it contains the ABC Test.”

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