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The PRO Act's ABC Test Hurts, Not Helps, the Majority of Independent Contractors
Fight for Freelancers launches fifth video in its Right vs. Wrong series

WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL 23, 2021 – Fight For Freelancers USA, a nonpartisan, self-funded grassroots group of independent contractors, creatives and small businesses, has launched the fifth video in its series urging lawmakers to reject the PRO Act's ABC Test that threatens the livelihoods of the majority of U.S. independent contractors.

The ABC Test is a regressive, simplified three-pronged test from the 1930s that many modern independent contractors cannot pass. In California, an ABC Test-based law called Assembly Bill 5 went into effect January 1, 2020. So many independent contractors lost work that lawmakers have since had to exempt more than 100 professions.

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. The PRO Act is the first step in that pledge.

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



“The ABC Test hurts more people than it helps,” says Fight for Freelancers co-founder and freelance writer Jen Singer of New Jersey. “It assumes all independent contractors are the same—usually, that we’re all

Uber or Lyft drivers—but in reality, we represent hundreds of professions. Many of us are high-earning, skilled professionals who are correctly classified as independent contractors in existing labor law.”

Since 2015, numerous studies by the federal government and private agencies have shown that 70% to 85% of independent contractors want to remain independent contractors. PRO Act proponents say that reclassifying these Americans as employees will benefit them, but legal experts say that misclassifying small-business owners as employees in labor law will cause widespread confusion and loss of income.

“We should not be misclassified as employees in the PRO Act or in any other law through this outdated ABC Test,” says Fight For Freelancers co-founder and freelance writer Debbie Abrams Kaplan of New Jersey. “We run our own small businesses, and lawmakers should respect and protect that status by removing the ABC Test from the PRO Act.”

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