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Creators of Fight For Freelancers USA Honored with Exceptional Service Award

National writers' group cites "heroic efforts" in battling anti-freelancer legislation

June 21, 2021—The American Society of Journalists and Authors presented its Exceptional Service Award—a special honor given only periodically—to Debbie Abrams Kaplan, Kim Kavin, Jen Singer and Karon Warren, co-leaders of the the nonpartisan, grassroots, self-funded, ad hoc coalition Fight For Freelancers USA.

Warren, of Georgia, and Kaplan, Kavin and Singer, all of New Jersey, are professional freelance writers and editors who banded together to create and lead Fight For Freelancers USA after federal lawmakers advanced the PRO Act in early 2020.

The PRO Act contains the same anti-independent contractor ABC Test that continues to wreak havoc on the careers of thousands of independent contractors in hundreds of professions after being enacted as Assembly Bill 5 (AB5) in the state of California.

The American Society of Journalists and Authors presented the Exceptional Service Award to the four Fight For Freelancers co-leaders along with three other individuals who also have worked tirelessly to battle AB5 and the PRO Act.

“Together, these ASJA members have inspired and fueled efforts of writers and other freelancers from coast to coast who have created hundreds of resources, articles, op-eds, social media posts and letters to legislators on this topic,” [ASJA wrote in announcing the award](#). “While the fight is far from over, ASJA would like to stop and

recognize these members for their leadership and heroic efforts on behalf of freelance writers.”

There are now Fight For Freelancers groups in multiple states, each focused on state-level anti-freelancer legislation, in addition to the Fight For Freelancers USA group that is focused on federal legislation and regulations. The coalition encompasses thousands of self-employed members who work in dozens of professions. They continue to demand that lawmakers stop enacting ABC Test-based laws that threaten their choice of independent contractor careers.

The PRO Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives earlier this year. The bill is currently stalled in the U.S. Senate, where the Fight For Freelancers team is working tirelessly to make sure it does not pass.

“We are deeply honored to receive this recognition from the American Society of Journalists and Authors,” Singer said. “We are all proud members of ASJA, which has sued the state of California as part of the fight to stop this regressive, career-killing, anti-freelancer legislation. ASJA is a true, trustworthy voice standing up on behalf of professional freelance writers everywhere.”

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