



## **Fight For Freelancers Co-Founder Scheduled to Testify Before U.S. Congress**

Kim Kavin, a freelance writer and editor from New Jersey, will be a witness before the Workforce Protections Subcommittee on April 19.

**APRIL 17, 2023, WASHINGTON, D.C.:** Fight For Freelancers USA, a nonpartisan, self-funded, ad hoc coalition of solopreneurs, small-business owners, freelancers and other independent contractors, will take its message to the nation's capital on April 19, strongly urging lawmakers to protect the right to choose self-employment.

Fight For Freelancers co-founder Kim Kavin, a freelance writer and editor from New Jersey, has been invited to testify before the [Workforce Protections Subcommittee](#) at a hearing about the need to protect independent contractors across the United States.

"I'm grateful to Chairman Kevin Kiley for this opportunity to explain why the choice of self-employment must be respected and protected," Kavin says. "Representative Kiley tried to stop freelance-busting legislation in California. He understands how hard everyday citizens like me had to fight to stop copycat legislation from destroying our careers in New Jersey. With this hearing, we can share our cautionary tale with the whole country, and hopefully end all of the current attempts to restrict the choice of self-employment nationwide."

Additional witnesses expected to testify in support of independent contractors include Tammy D. McCutchen, senior affiliate with Resolution Economics and former administrator of the Wage and Hour Division at the U.S. Department of Labor; Liya Palagashvili, senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University; and Karen Anderson, founder of the California-based advocacy group Freelancers Against AB5.

The hearing comes about one month after the [Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled](#) California's anti-independent-contractor law, Assembly Bill 5, was created in a manner that "could be

attributed to animus rather than reason,” indicating a possible violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

Legislative and regulatory attempts to restrict self-employment are especially egregious considering [how many studies](#)—including by the federal government itself—show the vast majority of independent contractors want to remain self-employed.

“This has been our primary argument from the start,” says Jen Singer, a freelance writer from New Jersey and co-founder of Fight For Freelancers. “Most independent contractors are satisfied with how they work. Many of us earn as much as or more than we would as employees. Lawmakers need to respect our right to earn a living in the way that works for us.”

Independent contractors contribute [\\$1.3 trillion](#) to the U.S. economy. “We make up a third of the U.S. workforce. Attempts to shut us down are not just bad politics; they’re also bad policy,” says Karon Warren, a freelance writer from Georgia and co-leader of Fight For Freelancers.”

This issue is especially important to women. “Our group is about 80 percent women, and we feel in our bones what all the studies show—that we are happier and healthier, physically and psychologically, when we earn a living as our own bosses,” says Debbie Abrams Kaplan, a freelance writer from New Jersey and co-founder of Fight For Freelancers.

Kavin’s extensive written testimony will be made available to the press and public ahead of the April 19 hearing.

“Ever since special-interest groups launched this career-killing attack against independent contractors a few years ago, we have said that what’s happening to us is neither reasonable nor fair,” Kavin says. “As Americans, we all have the right to hang out a shingle and go into business for ourselves. Lawmakers need to protect our right to choose self-employment. That’s the message I will bring to Congress.”

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