

April 17, 2023

The Honorable Kevin Kiley
Chair, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections
Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Alma Adams
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections
Committee on Education and the Workforce
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Dear Chair Kiley and Ranking Member Adams:

Thank you for convening an important discussion on the state of policy impacting Independent Contractors. The Modern Economy Project (MEP) respectfully requests to submit our relevant comments for the record on the hearing titled “Examining Biden’s War on Independent Contractors,” on April 19th. Those comments were also filed with the Department of Labor in response to their proposed rule on Independent Contractors (ICs).¹

We urge the subcommittee to carefully consider the items raised in our comment as you conduct your oversight and authorization functions as it relates to the Department of Labor and to the important role of ICs more broadly.

MEP is a broad coalition of leading stakeholders focused on bipartisan policy solutions that promote economic opportunity for all through modern jobs, modern employers, and a modern government. We are dedicated to resetting the conversation in Washington, D.C., on economic policy. Our goal is to convene thought leaders, employers, and other stakeholders on policy conversations that more accurately reflect the realities of our modern economy. Worker classification policy is a prime example of where MEP can contribute additional data and experience from across the economy, particularly on an issue that impacts tens of millions of American employers and workers.

Sincerely,
John Stanford
Co-Chair
Modern Economy Project

¹ Comments are permanently available at https://780010a0-a241-45f2-8630-7bee7039513c.usrfiles.com/ugd/780010_f33262469fdb49ff9150c34915211d3c.pdf.