

DEMOCRATIC WORKPLACE

March 4, 2021

Dear Representative/Senator:

On behalf of the millions of American businesses concerned with the rights of their employees, the current economic situation, and the need for balance in federal regulation, the following 248 organizations write to express our opposition to the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act (H.R. 842/S. 420).

The PRO Act would drastically restructure America's labor laws resulting in economic upheaval that would cost millions of American jobs, threaten vital supply chains, and greatly diminish opportunities for entrepreneurs and small businesses. The bill's attempts to achieve its primary objectives of increasing union density and union leverage at the bargaining table without regard for the negative impacts the legislation would have on workers, businesses, and the economy. As a result, the bill threatens fundamental rights and vital aspects of our economy, including but not limited to:

- workers' right to choose whether or not to be represented by a union through secret ballot elections;
- workers' right to remove a union that has failed to adequately represent them;
- businesses and individuals' ability to contract with independent contractors and other businesses;
- workers' right to choose not to contribute to a union they do not support;
- Americans' opportunity to own a franchise business or work independently; and
- the government's ability to prevent unions from expanding a labor dispute with one employer to other businesses and consumers—a change that threatens to disrupt supply chains and/or projects that are vital to our national pandemic response.

Many of the bill's provisions would implement policies that have previously been rejected on a bipartisan basis in Congress, overturned by the judicial system, and withdrawn by the federal agencies.

The undersigned organizations remain committed to creating and supplying all Americans with the jobs, goods and services that are critical to our health and economic recovery from COVID-19. This legislation will only hinder our ability to meet that commitment.

For these reasons, we urge Congress to reject the PRO Act.

Sincerely,

The Coalition for a Democratic Workplace

AGC Colorado AGC Florida East Coast Chapter AGC Mississippi AGC of Alaska AGC of California AGC of Kansas AGC of Ohio AGC of SD Building Chapter AGC of South Dakota, Highway-Heavy-Utility Chapter AGC of Texas AGC of Virginia AGC of Western Kentucky AGC of Wyoming AGC Oregon-Columbia Chapter AGC San Diego Air Conditioning Contractors of America Alabama Associated General Contractors American Bakers Association American Foundry Society American Home Furnishings Alliance American Hotel & Lodging Association American Lighting Association American Mold Builders Association American Pipeline Contractors Association American Rental Association American Seniors Housing Association American Society of Employers American Staffing Association American Supply Association American Trucking Associations Americans for Tax Reform Argentum Arizona Builders Alliance Arizona Chapter, Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. Arkansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce Associated Builders and Contractors Associated Builders and Contractors Arkansas Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors Carolinas Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors Central California Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors Central Ohio Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors Central Pennsylvania Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors Central Texas Chapter Associated Builders and Contractors Chesapeake Shores Chapter

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