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The Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney  
Senate President  
New Jersey Senate  
State House  
Trenton, NJ

RE: Senate Bill S4204

Dear Senator Sweeney,

This letter is in reference to the legislative effort of S4204 and to express my concerns and opposition to same.

I have heard from Hackettstown residents, who are currently earning their livelihoods as independent contractors. These residents are providing for themselves and their families; whereas this bill would put those livelihoods in jeopardy. In many cases; independent contractors are supplementing their income as well to make ends meet.

Bill S4204, if passed, will have a ripple effect from the independent contractor, (freelance writer, wedding photographer, therapist, just to name a few) to the companies who rely on the service the independent contractors provide, (catering companies, therapy offices, home building companies, again to name a few). This seems extremely unfair and wonder what will happen to those independent contractors who will ultimately be out of work in the State of New Jersey?

Developments in California related to the bill that passed there, to which I believe this proposal is based on, prove that this S4204 deserves a pause and not a rush to enact. New Jersey deserves better!

I urge you Senator Sweeney to revisit this potential disastrous legislation and seek feedback from the people it will affect the most, the independent contractor.

Respectfully,

Maria DiGiovanni

Mayor, Town of Hackettstown

