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Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney
935 Kings Highway
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West Deptford, NJ 08086

Re: Senate Bill S4204

Dear Senator Sweeney:

I am writing this regarding S4204 and the potential negative impact this has on many of my constituents in Pitman as well as many others statewide. There are nearly 15.5 million people in the United States who are independent contractors with 1 in 3 being at least 55 years old. It has also been recently reported that the fastest growing groups of independent contractors are from economically vulnerable populations. Studies on this issue has also shown that the fastest growing segment of our population who are independent contractors are women, specifically women who are the primary income providers in the household. It seems this bill will specifically harm the earning opportunities for our seniors and women in this state. I sincerely question the timing of this bill as well as the speed of which it is being pushed through the legislature.

I sincerely hope that this bill will be “slowed down” so that more research can be done as to how this will impact many of our residents who depend on their status as an independent contractor to provide an income to support their households. This vital issue is important and complex and warrants further time, research and input from the independent contractor community before any changes are proposed and/or codified. I strongly oppose any further action being taken by the NJ Legislature regarding S4204.

Sincerely,

Russell C. Johnson III
Mayor