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To Members of the California Assembly:

Assembly Bill 5 is landmark legislation for workers and our economy. It will help reduce worker misclassification—workers being wrongly classified as “independent contractors,” rather than employees, which erodes basic worker protections like the minimum wage, paid sick days and health insurance benefits.

The hollowing out of our middle-class has been 40 years in the making, and the need to create lasting economic security for our workforce demands action. Assembly Bill 5 is an important step. A next step is creating pathways for more workers to form a union, collectively bargain to earn more, and have a stronger voice at work -- all while preserving flexibility and innovation.

In this spirit, I will convene leaders from the Legislature, the labor movement and the business community to support innovation and a more inclusive economy by stepping in where the federal government has fallen short and granting workers excluded from the National Labor Relations Act the right to organize and collectively bargain.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom