

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 76

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2019

Mr. BIGGS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect the Gig Econ-  
5 omy Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTING THE GIG ECONOMY FROM CLASS AC-**  
2 **TIONS.**

3 Rule 23(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure  
4 is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the  
6 end;

7 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at  
8 the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(5) the claim does not allege the misclassifica-  
12 tion of employees as independent contractors.”.

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