Technology's Role in the Future of the Gig Economy

Technology is expanding—not replacing—opportunities for Americans to work. Innovative technologies grant workers flexibility in new gig economy work models and can help workers train and develop new skills.

To protect the gig economy and provide certainty for workers and consumers, the U.S. Chamber's Technology Engagement Center (C TEC) <u>recommends</u>:

- **Enacting targeted liability protections** to gig companies that provide PPE and financial benefits to workers during the pandemic.
- Creating an opt-in benefits program to enable gig companies to provide a suite of benefits for gig workers while ensuring those workers maintain autonomy as independent contractors.
- Opposing regulations like California's AB-5, like the PRO Act or the Worker Flexibility and Small Business Protection Act that would apply an AB-5-type test on the gig economy.

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