



No, Donald Trump, No

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Here's a deplorable turn of events — and just when we were so happy to have thwarted the socialist stylings of Harris and Walz.

We've always known that Donald Trump doesn't advocate 100 percent laissez faire capitalism. As if to confirm his inconsistencies and disabuse us of any hopes of clear sailing toward greater freedom, or even toward keeping the freedom we've got, he has [named](#) Republican Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer as his Secretary of Labor.

Labor-union darling DeRemer supports the Pro Act: anti-worker, anti-freelancer legislation that was barely blocked

in Congress and that the current Labor Department has tried to impose by regulation. I doubt the incoming Congress will enact it either. But if DeRemer is Labor Secretary she, too, may try to impose it by regulation.

The Pro Act would kill laws in 26 states that let workers *choose* whether to join a union. There's a novel concept, letting employees decide whether to join an organization supposedly devoted to their interests.

The Pro Act would also undermine the secrecy of the ballot in union elections. A secret ballot is a fundamental tenet of our democratic republic.

Worst of all, at least for gig workers and freelancers, are its provisions to make life [much harder](#) to function as an independent contractor.

Unions that favor the Pro Act, and Mrs. DeRemer, are eager to do all they can to cripple the ability of non-unionized labor to compete with above-market-rate union labor.

This isn't just a No, Mr. President.

It is, as Jennifer O'Connell [puts it](#), a "Hell No."

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.