

Communication from Public

Name: LA-based News correspondent

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Comments for Public Posting: Freelance writers and reporters in CA must have at least the same protections NY offers. Being an independent contractor — many times not even by choice — should never be an excuse for companies to delay payments and avoid written industry contracts, which they must be required and enforced. Minimum rates and legal coverage if the reporter is sued while working for an outlet must also be required.

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Name: Anastasiya Kuzmina

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Comments for Public Posting: I've been a freelancer for about 7 years. At one point I became homeless because agencies did not pay me on time. During Covid I lived off of my savings after learning that lesson. During such a critical time, a client took 6 months to pay me, going months past our contract terms telling me that I should be the one to understand during such a critical time when they were profiting off of my work and their stock was up 33% during the pandemic. I'm disgusted with this industry and the lack of protection for freelancers. These clients need to be held accountable and we need to be protected.