OPPOSING PRO ACT, UBER AND OTHER GIG COMPANIES SPEND OVER $1 MILLION LOBBYING CONGRESS

After spending a historic sum against similar worker protections in California, gig companies continue to lobby on labor reform in Congress, new disclosures show.

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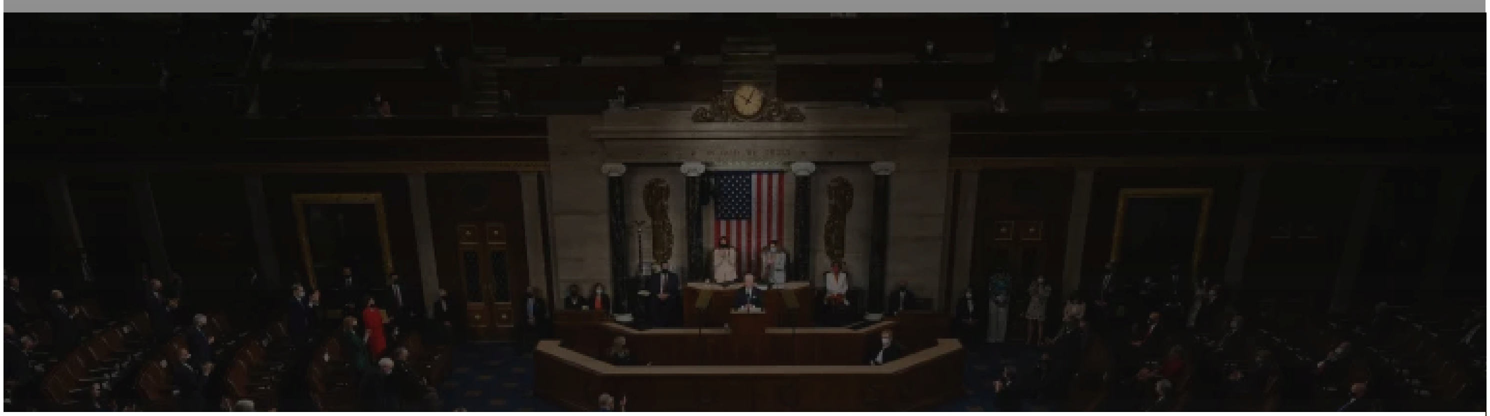

EVEN AS President Joe Biden called for Congress during his joint address last week to pass labor reform legislation, a slate of gig companies has spent over $1 million lobbying Congress to influence the PRO Act and other related issues in 2021 alone, according to newly released lobbying disclosures.

Ride-hailing companies Uber and Lyft and delivery apps DoorDash and Instacart spent at least $1,190,000 on 32 lobbyists to persuade members of Congress on the PRO Act, first quarter disclosure reports show. The bill, which the House of Representatives passed in early March, would allow many gig workers to unionize and make it harder for companies to union-bust, among other changes.

Uber alone spent $540,000 in the first quarter of 2021 lobbying on "issues related to the future of work and the on-demand economy, possible anti-competitive activities that could limit consumers access to app-based technologies," the PRO Act, and other related labor issues.

Lyft spent $430,000, DoorDash $120,000, and Instacart $100,000 on lobbying on the PRO Act and other issues, according to disclosures.

The PRO Act would make the most pivotal changes to labor law since the 1970s. In addition to giving many gig workers the right to unionize,