



Chancellor's self-employment support package means 'millions will sleep easier tonight'

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New support measures for self-employed workers announced by Chancellor Rishi Sunak mean millions of self-employed people will sleep easier tonight says GMB Union.

The union said the Chancellor had listened to the concerns and challenges of self-employed members and millions of workers worried about how to get by.

GMB said it was time for those employers not providing essential services, but refusing to do the responsible thing, to use government support to close their doors if they could not provide adequate protections to keep their workers safe.



Tim Roache, GMB General Secretary, said:

“Millions of self-employed workers will sleep easier tonight.

“Food, rent, utilities aren’t cheaper if you’re self-employed and for many work has dried up, so it’s right and welcome that support will now be put in place.

“When this is all over we will need to ask how many workers classed as ‘self-employed’ genuinely fall into that category – the explosion of fake self-employment has undoubtedly made this much more difficult.

“GMB stands ready to work through the detail with government so people get the clarity and support they need as soon as possible.

“Next the government should take action on businesses who are not providing essential services but refuse to do the responsible thing and use government support to close their doors - or provide adequate protections to keep their workers safe.”

