



OHIO ALLIANCE FOR CIVIL JUSTICE



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Representative Brian Lampton
Chair, Ohio House Insurance Committee
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Lampton:

We are writing to you today to express our support for House Bill 105 and the positive impact it will have on our civil justice system. The Ohio Alliance for Civil Justice (OACJ) supports a stable, predictable, and balanced civil justice climate. In our view, House Bill 105 has two main goals: providing an appropriate, consumer-focused system for litigation funding advancements while also ensuring the integrity of Ohio's legal climate.

By way of background, the OACJ was founded in the mid-1980s to stop lawsuit abuse and promote a common-sense civil justice system in Ohio. The OACJ is comprised of representatives of dozens of Ohio trade and professional associations, small and large businesses, medical groups, farmers, non-profit organizations and local government associations — for a combined representation of more than 100,000 individuals and businesses. The OACJ's leadership team includes representatives from the following organizations: Ohio NFIB, Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Manufacturers' Association, Ohio Society of CPAs, and the Ohio State Medical Association. OACJ works to ensure that the civil justice system remains stable and predictable for Ohio's businesses.

House Bill 105 contains language that is essential to protect Ohio courts from foreign interference. Foreign actors are prohibited from funding litigation under House Bill 105. Published reports have stated that foreign actors seek to influence U.S. litigation by "investing" in lawsuits. This foreign interference effectively erodes the dignity and sovereignty of Ohio courts, clogging up the courts with frivolous litigation while necessary litigation is further delayed.

While the compromised language put before this committee for passage is not the ideal language for transparency it is a good first step. Instead of disclosure at the beginning of a case, it is a registry system with the Ohio AG office at the end of the litigation it is a first step. The OACJ thanks the sponsors for continuing to fight for the consumers and businesses in Ohio and seek reform in this murky world of Third Party Litigation Funding.

OACJ believes individuals have the right to seek remedy through the courts. However, their litigation should be led and directed by the litigant and their attorney. While House Bill 105 does not prohibit the practice of third-party non-recourse civil litigation advancement, it does require transparency of loans to all parties, provides important consumer protections, and maintains the integrity of our civil justice system by prohibiting a party with no standing in a case from effecting outcomes.

The OACJ respectfully asks for your favorable consideration of House Bill 105.

Thank you,

The Ohio Alliance for Civil Justice