



OHIO ALLIANCE FOR CIVIL JUSTICE



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Senator Nathan Manning
Chair, Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee
1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Manning,

We are writing to you today to express our support for Senate Bill 10 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. 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. The OACJ works to ensure that the civil justice system remains stable and predictable for Ohio's businesses.

Substitute Senate Bill 10 establishes a fair, consumer-oriented framework for litigation funding advancements and preserves the integrity of Ohio's legal system. The OACJ is focused on several key provisions within the bill to accomplish these goals, including implementation of reasonable registration requirements for companies involved in non-recourse civil litigation funding, along with ensuring vital consumer protections and transparency among the parties engaged in litigation.

The OACJ thanks this committee for its continued evaluation of the issue of third-party litigation funding, one that has been debated over the course of several General Assemblies. Currently, these litigation funding agreements are hidden from public view and lack necessary oversight.

As transparency is crucial to a balanced civil justice system, this legislation has been crafted carefully to require that a consumer disclose any litigation advancement to all parties. This allows all parties to a case to know who is involved and what may be potentially prolonging what otherwise may be a quick resolution. A lawsuit may be meritorious, but the outcome should be driven by the plaintiff and their attorney, not trumped by the financial motivation of lending companies or other third-parties.

The OACJ appreciates the effort of the Chair and the bill's sponsor in working towards an agreement on language that addresses the complex issues associated with third-party litigation funding. This bill reflects meaningful progress toward the shared goal of improving transparency, protecting consumers, and preserving the integrity of Ohio's legal system. While important work has been done to get us to this point, we respectfully ask the Senate Judiciary Committee and the full Senate to continue advancing this legislation.

Thank you,

The Ohio Alliance for Civil Justice