



YOU ARE ABOUT TO LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO GO TO COURT

Congress is passing new laws taking away your rights...right now

Congress is pushing legislation that will make lawsuits – including yours and those of your family and friends – nearly impossible to pursue. These bills will rig the system against individuals like you and tip the scales in favor of powerful corporate defendants. We need to send a strong message to Congress that these anti-civil justice bills must fail.

The latest attack is falsely called the "Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017." What it does is take away the rights of the most seriously injured victims of medical mistakes, dangerous drugs, impaired doctors and nursing home residents.

The U.S. House Judiciary Committee even refused to exclude cases where doctors operated on the wrong body part or wrong person, or where the harm was caused intentionally or due to sexual abuse.

If you agree that it is unacceptable for Congress to eliminate your rights to hold corporations accountable, we urge you to contact your Congressperson and Senators today. Tell your representatives to stand up for you and your family and vote NO on offensive anti-civil justice legislation.

We urge you to call your representatives' offices and send them a letter. Please visit www.takejusticeback.com/ProtectMyRightToFight to find contact information for your elected officials in Washington. You will also find a sample letter you can send to your Representative and Senators.

Please take action today! Your elected officials need to hear from you that you want to preserve your rights to access the civil justice system.

This is not a drill. This is the Congress in the pocket of big industry. They are not working for the people who elected them. They are taking away real, constitutional and sacred rights from all of us.

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TRUE FACTS:



On Tuesday the House Judiciary Committee Voted to TAKE AWAY YOUR MEDICAL MISTAKE RIGHTS

By an 18-17 vote (with some Republicans voting against it), HR 1215 was passed by the Judiciary Committee and will go to the House of Representatives. The Congress is being told that this will help people get access to medical care. That is not only false, but ignores the fact that as many as 440,000 people die each year from preventable medical mistakes. This bill will take away the rights of many of those victims and make it difficult or impossible to ever go to court and hold wrongdoers accountable.



HR 1215 is an attack on states rights...and your family

If HR 1215 is passed, the federal government will get into the business of taking over states rights on traditionally state issues by broadly preempting both state medical malpractice and product liability laws, violating the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and states' rights. The immunity provided by the bill broadly applies to insurance companies, biotech companies, pharmaceutical corporations, medical device manufacturers, compounding pharmacies and for-profit nursing homes, making it much broader than any state medical malpractice reform laws.

**You're 10 times
more likely to
die under one of those
than behind
one of these.**



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Medical Mistakes Kill 440,000 Americans a Year

This is a serious problem. We should be doing more to make it easier for victims of medical mistakes to bring their cases, not harder. Medical errors are the third leading cause of death in this country. Although there are as many as 440,000 deaths each year from preventable medical errors, there are 20 times more than that in serious injuries. These are people whose lives have been altered or destroyed. Who lose the ability to work, play, and enjoy life. Studies show 9 out of 10 medical mistakes never result in a claim. Congress needs to know that this is a serious problem and taking away the rights of victims is wrong.

Would this country just let this happen if 1,200 soldiers were coming home in body bags every day for an entire year? Or if 4 packed jumbo jets crashed every day?



How to take action

- [Contact your representatives in Congress \(click here\).](#)
- Tell them to vote NO on HR 1215 and any bills that limit victim's rights
- Do not elect politicians who have a track record of siding with special interests instead of the people who elect them



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Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) is the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. Congressman Goodlatte, who has been in Congress since 1993, presided over a secret session in 2017 to weaken the independent Office of Congressional Ethics, a move widely criticized by House leaders and the opposition party. Mr. Goodlatte was instrumental in getting this bill passed by his committee. His commitment to big business, industry and in taking away the rights of individuals was evident during the committee meeting, where even reasonable amendments to exclude intentional acts, sexual abuse, nursing home residents and the elderly, and wrong site surgery were defeated.

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Every discussion about the rights of seriously injured victims was ignored by Chairman Goodlatte, and when one amendment actually passed (states' rights), he had it voted on again after members of his party were taken into a back room. Suddenly the amendment failed. This is lawmaking at its worst and we as the employers of these legislators must refuse to tolerate it.

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