



## Every Lawsuit Has a Price Tag

Smart Reform Protects Family Budgets and Fuels Ohio's Momentum

### *Did You Know?*

Ohio families pay **\$2,583 per household** in a hidden “Tort Tax” – the built-in cost of excessive litigation and lawsuit abuse that drives up prices on everyday goods and services.

*Rolling back reform makes that burden heavier. Strengthening smart tort reform can drive it down – saving money for families and keeping Ohio affordable.*

**Ohio's economic strength is no accident – it's the result of years of deliberate, balanced policymaking that allows businesses to grow and families to thrive.** A fair and predictable judicial system has been central to that success, giving employers the confidence to invest and communities the stability to prosper.

**Now is the time to capitalize on Ohio's economic edge, not put it at risk.** Strengthening Ohio's proven tort reforms will keep our economy competitive, control costs for families and businesses, and send a clear message that the Buckeye State is committed to fairness, growth, and opportunity.

## Oppose HB 447/SB 292

### **HB 447/SB 292 Raise the Cost of Doing Business in Ohio – A Price We All Pay.**

HB 447/SB 292 reverses course on smart, responsible tort reform – raising caps on non-economic damages in lawsuits against Ohio businesses and guaranteeing that costs keep climbing year after year.

#### **A Vote For HB 447/SB 292 Will:**



**Drive up the cost of everyday goods and services** for Ohio families.



**Encourage more lawsuits and larger payouts,** including against small business owners.



**Reduce access to care and increase costs** for Ohio's healthcare system.



**Make Ohio a more expensive place** to start a business, hire workers, or raise a family.



**Undercut Ohio's competitiveness** with states that are strengthening, not weakening, tort reform.

**And the worst part? It's not a one-time hit – the costs just keep rising.**

While many economic pressures are beyond our control, maintaining a stable, predictable legal climate is not.

**Stand with Ohioans for fair, responsible tort reform that keeps the Buckeye State affordable and competitive.**



## About the Ohio Alliance for Civil Justice

**Founded in 1987, the Ohio Alliance for Civil Justice (OACJ) is a non-profit, broad-based coalition representing Ohio's trade and professional associations, businesses of all sizes, medical and legal professionals, and agricultural organizations including:**

American College of Emergency Physicians	Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
American College of Surgeons, Ohio Chapter	Ohio Dental Association
American Council of Engineering Companies, Ohio	Ohio Dental Hygienists Association
American Institute of Architects, Ohio	Ohio Farm Bureau
American Petroleum Institute, Ohio	Ohio Grocers Association
American Property Casualty Insurance Association	Ohio Health Care Association
Associated Builders & Contractors of Ohio	Ohio Home Builders Association
Associated General Contractors of Ohio	Ohio Hospital Association
Automotive Service Association of Ohio	Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association
Greater Cleveland Partnership	Ohio Insurance Agents Association
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies	Ohio Insurance Institute
National Federation of Independent Businesses of Ohio	Ohio Manufacturers' Association
Ohio Academy of Family Physicians	Ohio Mortgage Bankers Association
Ohio Aggregates & Industrial Minerals Association	Ohio Oil & Gas Association
Ohio Association of Health Plans	Ohio Optometric Association
Ohio Association of Meat Processors	Ohio Produce Growers & Marketers Association
Ohio Association of Realtors	Ohio Railroad Association
Ohio Automobile Dealers Association	Ohio Restaurant Association
Ohio Bankers League	Ohio Society of CPAs
Ohio Business Roundtable	Ohio Society of Professional Engineers
Ohio Cast Metals Association	Ohio Soft Drink Association
Ohio Cattlemen's Association	Ohio State Medical Association
Ohio Chamber of Commerce	Ohio Trucking Association
Ohio Chemistry Technology Council	The Cleveland Academy of Medicine
Ohio Coal Association	Transportation Advocacy Group of Northwest Ohio
Ohio Contractors Association	United Equipment Dealers Association
	Wholesale Beer & Wine Association of Ohio

**With the goal of fostering a healthy economic climate by reducing lawsuit abuse and supporting reforms that protect consumers, employers, and communities alike, the OACJ works to promote a fair and common-sense civil justice system in Ohio.**