



To the Editor:

On October 27, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce held its annual Legal Reform Summit, a meeting of big business members aimed at eliminating legal protections for Americans who are harmed due to corporate negligence. The Chamber is made up of multinational corporations with multibillion dollar profits to protect. In order to shield themselves from being held accountable when consumers and workers are injured or defrauded, these corporate giants rely on the Chamber to advertise, lobby and fund candidates on their behalf.

Although the Chamber advocates for restricting lawsuits filed by everyday Americans, it forcefully uses the justice system to protect its members by filing lawsuits to limit Federal Regulations that protect consumers. The American Association for Justice released a report that details this litigation and estimates that the Chamber files over two lawsuits each week.

This hypocritical attitude, that what is right for corporations is wrong for consumers, is detrimental to Americans who suffer serious harm or injury at the hands of corporate wrongdoers. The Chamber and its members have a right to defend their agenda. However, as an attorney who represents workers, patients and consumers who have been harmed or killed by corporate negligence, I believe the Chamber must realize that everyone should be afforded equal access to the courts.

I encourage readers to view the full report, *The Chamber Litigation Machine: How the Chamber Uses Lawsuits to Keep Americans out of Court*, on the AAJ's website, www.justice.org.

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