

Editorials & Commentaries Opposing Federal Class Action Legislation

As of June 3, 2004

Public Citizen has done extensive work with editorial boards, educating them about our position on the federal class action legislation. While we cannot specifically claim credit for each of these editorials, we believe our information and outreach has made a difference in helping to secure many of them.

National

Los Angeles Times, “Threat to Class Actions,” April 9, 2003 (Editorial).

Los Angeles Times, “Overkill on Class Actions,” July 9, 2003 (Editorial).

New York Times, “Class-Action Showdown,” October 22, 2003 (Editorial).

New York Times, “The Right’s Grip on the Capitol,” September 28, 2003 (Editorial).

New York Times, “The Class Action Unfairness Act,” April 25, 2003 (Editorial).

Alabama

Huntsville Times, “You Can’t Judge Legislation By Its Name,” April 16, 2003 (Column by Ed Board Member).*

Arizona

Arizona Daily Star, “Another Gift,” June 28, 2003 (Editorial).

California

Los Angeles Times, “Threat to Class Actions,” April 9, 2003 (Editorial).

Los Angeles Times, “Overkill on Class Actions,” July 9, 2003 (Editorial).

Delaware

Wilmington News-Journal, “Make sure fat cats don’t sneak through class-action reform,” September 8, 2003 (Editorial).

Florida

Palm Beach Post, “Vote keeps courts open,” October 27, 2003 (Editorial).

Palm Beach Post, “If payout is excessive, at least NYSE is honest,” September 4, 2003 (Editorial).

Palm Beach Post, “Class Action Unfairness,” May 15, 2003 (Editorial).

Tampa Tribune, “Proper End of a Flawed Consumer Bill,” October 26, 2003 (Editorial).

Tampa Tribune, “Major Class Actions Should Remain in State Courts,” June 11, 2003 (Editorial).

Georgia

Augusta Chronicle, “Wrong Litigation Curb,” June 1, 2003 (Editorial).

Indiana

Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette, “Protect open court records,” May 31, 2004 (Editorial).

Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette, “In defense of class-action suits,” October 29, 2003 (Editorial).

Kentucky

Courier-Journal, “Shutting Citizens Out,” August 6, 2003 (Editorial).

Louisiana

News-Star, “Class-action bill creates more problems,” July 30, 2003 (Editorial).

Shreveport Times, “Class action bill still falls short,” December 26, 2003 (Editorial).

Shreveport Times, “Tough vote was right for Landrieu. Class-Action Fairness Act was short on fairness,” October 28, 2003 (Editorial).

Shreveport Times, “Breaux Offers Compromise, Tort Reform Plan Doesn’t Trample States’ Rights,” October 9, 2003 (Editorial).

Shreveport Times, “Congress Must Kill Class Action Bill,” June 9, 2003 (Editorial).

Michigan

Detroit Free Press, “Class Action: Plan Seems Less About Justice Than Helping Business,” June 11, 2003 (Editorial).

Nebraska

Omaha World-Herald, “Balance the Scales,” July 25, 2003 (Editorial).

New York

New York Times, “Class-Action Showdown,” October 22, 2003 (Editorial).

New York Times, “The Right’s Grip on the Capitol,” September 28, 2003 (Editorial).

New York Times, “The Class Action Unfairness Act,” April 25, 2003 (Editorial).

North Carolina

News & Observer, “Class action fairness,” cites Public Citizen several times, June 1, 2004 (Editorial).

News & Observer, “Hardly a Class Act,” July 5, 2003 (Editorial).

Wilmington Star News, “It’s Your Rights They Want,” June 1, 2003 (Editorial).

North Dakota

Grand Forks Herald, “Legislation would hurt consumers,” June 28, 2003 (Op-ed by Joan Claybrook).

Ohio

Columbus Dispatch, “‘Fairness’ to Whom? Congress Intrudes on State Prerogatives in Class Action Bill,” May 8, 2003 (Editorial).

Toledo Blade, “Class-action bar revived,” December 16, 2003 (Editorial).

Toledo Blade, “No Class In This Action,” July 9, 2003 (Editorial).

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia Inquirer, “Class Action Fairness Act: Mischief, Not Reform,” October 22, 2003 (Editorial).

Philadelphia Inquirer, “A Year of Corporate Reforms; Keep the progress going,” September 8, 2003 (Editorial).

Philadelphia Inquirer, "Courts and torts; Citizens' Rights Suffer if Congress Sends All Class Action Suits to Federal Court," May 16, 2003 (Editorial).

Tennessee

Tennessean, "A Drastic Class Action Bill," July 28, 2003 (Editorial).

Texas

Houston Chronicle, "DECLASSE: Nominal Conservatives Assault Once Cherished Federalism," April 29, 2003 (Editorial).

Fort Worth Star Telegram, "Déclassé," June 12, 2003 (Editorial).

Utah

Salt Lake Tribune, "Dubious Class Actions," May 12, 2003 (Editorial).

Virginia

Fredericksburg Free Lance Star, "Not a Class Act," June 8, 2003 (Editorial).

Roanoke Times, "No Class In 'Reform' of Class Actions," July 6, 2003 (Column by Editorial Page Editor).

Wisconsin

Capital Times, "Classless Action Taints Bill to Reform Lawsuits," July 29, 2003 (Editorial).

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "Unfair Federal Fairness Act," April 10, 2003 (Editorial).

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "The Battle Over Tort Reform," May 23, 2003 (Editorial).

Wisconsin State Journal, "Classless Action Taints Bill to Reform Lawsuits," July 29, 2003 (Editorial).

Wisconsin State Journal, "Congress Should Curb Class Action Reform," May 27, 2003 (Editorial).