



## **LET'S MAKE A FEDERAL CASE OUT OF INTERSTATE CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS**

Federal courts have a long history of protecting the interests of people involved in interstate controversies. After all, that's why federal courts were created. However, class action suits weren't contemplated when the original federal court system was established.

Currently, class action attorneys file interstate cases in state courts predisposed to more favorable outcomes. This "jurisdiction shopping" has created a tidal wave of class actions in a few states. Other states lose sovereignty, defendants lose rights and consumers pay for it all with higher prices on goods and services.

The Interstate Class Action Fairness Act (S. 353) will change that. Along with a parallel bill already passed by the House (H.R. 1875), the act allows interstate class actions to be heard in federal courts, courts with a reputation for protecting consumers' and defendants' rights.

S. 353 is a simple correction to a serious problem. It is court reform to update the law, giving the public control of cases brought on their behalf.

The Interstate Class Action Fairness Act will let federal issues be heard in federal courts. And that's where they belong.

**INTERSTATE CASES NEED INTERSTATE COURTS. SUPPORT S. 353**

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