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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jim Jordan
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Opposition to H.R. 1109 - Litigation Transparency Act of 2025

Dear Speaker Johnson and Chairman Jordan:

We write you to express our strong opposition to H.R. 1109 - [*Litigation Transparency Act of 2025*](#). The sweeping disclosure mandates in this bill threaten our core American principles of personal privacy, confidentiality, and freedom of speech and association.

This legislation would require litigants to preemptively disclose detailed information about private financial arrangements, such as litigation funding agreements, independent from the discovery process and without any finding of relevance by a judge. The bill's forced disclosure mandates would broadly apply to any number of political organizations, religious groups, law firms, or individual plaintiffs that rely on outside support to vindicate their rights.

Critically, compelled disclosure of private financial arrangements would force litigants to unveil the identity of donors – violating donor privacy rights and exposing them to threats of harassment and retaliation. The privacy interests at stake here are not abstract. We have seen how disclosure regimes can be easily weaponized by bad actors, particularly those seeking to attack and intimidate political opponents.

It should not require reminding that conservative groups and religious organizations like ours have historically been victim to such targeted disclosure tactics. One can imagine the serious risks posed in unveiling the identity of individuals supporting lawsuits over heated issues like religious liberty, abortion, or transgender surgeries performed on minors. It is for good reason that the Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed the First Amendment rights afforded to donors and has accordingly shot down similar compulsory disclosure laws ([*Americans for Prosperity Foundation v. Bonta*](#)).

Ultimately, the compelled disclosure mandates in H.R. 1109 threaten to chill speech as private individuals who would otherwise support litigation advancing important causes are deterred by the possibility of having their identity exposed. Furthermore, this bill jeopardizes attorney-client privilege as plaintiffs could be forced to reveal confidential financial agreements containing privileged legal strategy.

While foreign manipulation of our nation's courts is an issue that deserves serious attention, such concerns should be addressed with a narrow approach that protects national security without compromising the privacy of Americans. By casting an unnecessarily wide net, this bill does precisely the opposite, undermining donors' constitutionally afforded speech rights and eroding the long-protected confidential financial arrangements of innocent litigants in the process.

If adopted, H.R. 1109 will have a chilling effect on free speech and association and directly threaten the privacy rights of Americans. The end result will be fewer Americans having the resources or willingness to bring legitimate claims, which threatens to undermine future legal battles over issues critical to our movement.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you and the Committee to reject H.R. 1109 - Litigation Transparency Act of 2025.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue and for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

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