To: Wisconsin Legislature

From: Wisconsin Civil Justice Council
Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce
National Federation of Independent Businesses
Wisconsin Insurance Alliance
Wisconsin Builders Association
US Chamber of Commerce – Institute for Legal Reform
American Tort Reform Association
Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce
Wisconsin Paper Council
Midwest Food Products Association
Associated Builders and Contractors of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Independent Businesses
Wisconsin Petroleum Council
Wisconsin Grocers Association
Wisconsin Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Midwest-SouthEastern Equipment Dealers Association
Professional Insurance Agents of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Restaurant Association

Date: December 5, 2017

RE: Request for Co-Sponsorship on Civil Litigation Reform Legislation

We respectfully request you sign on as a co-sponsor for the litigation reform bill (LRB 4700/1) authored by Reps. Born and Nygren and Sens. Tiffany and Craig. The deadline for co-sponsorship is Wednesday, December 6th at 5:00 pm.

The heart of this initiative is aligning Wisconsin’s civil procedures for discovery and class actions to the corresponding federal rules. This modernization, mostly aimed at costly discovery practices, will reduce litigation costs for small and large businesses, as well as state and local governments who must spend taxpayers’ dollars responding to aggressive discovery practices.

In addition to state businesses, please see statements of support from state and national leaders, including Attorney General Brad Schimel and Gov. Scott Walker.

For additional information on this important legislation, see the attached summary or contact R.J. Pirlot (pirlot@hamilton-consulting.com) or Rebecca Hogan (hogan@hamilton-consulting.com).