

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).