

CONSERVATIVE TALKING POINTS

ACCOUNTABILITY: The civil justice system promotes responsible behavior by holding wrongdoers accountable for the harm they cause others. State civil justice systems provide the mechanism where local people, through a jury of their peers, decide what is reasonable and appropriate within their own communities.

ALL PEOPLE ARE EQUAL UNDER THE LAW: All people are equal under the law and corporations and government should not be allowed to violate these individual rights.

RIGHT TO A JURY OF YOUR PEERS: The 7th amendment of the Constitution protects the right to a jury trial. There are checks and balances in place. The system, as set up by our forefathers, works.

SANCTITY OF LIFE: The government should protect the sanctity of life for all people at all stages of life and should not place a value upon a person's life through caps on damages.

LESS GOVERNMENT: Tort reform would mean more government - not less. Arbitrary government-mandated limits on individual rights and limits on the efficacy of the court system do not protect our citizens.

LOCAL CONTROL: State government mandating limits on what 12 local jurors can do is "big government" at its worst. Who do you trust more? The government or a jury.

FAIRNESS: Caps on non-economic damages disproportionately impact single mothers, children, seniors, and the disabled who have little or nothing to recover in economic damages.

***Constitutional Rights * Fair Play * Family Values**

True Conservatives Oppose Tort Reform



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