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Dear Governor:

Today, Alliance for Consumers, an organization dedicated to consumer protection reform, issued a *Consumer Protection Report* exposing what is known as the Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline.

The report highlights how trial lawyers use state and local consumer protection contracts to funnel money into aggressively partisan political giving as well as the key law firms who participate in this scheme: a group known as The Shady Eight. Alliance for Consumers has been tracking the political activity of the Shady Eight back to 2017 and has identified at least \$18 million in federal giving.

These millions of dollars in political donations are just one example of the ways that consumers and taxpayers lose out from the Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline, which features lawyers and public officials frequently putting their own interests ahead of consumers.

The *Consumer Protection Report* exposes how these trial lawyers rely on public contracts with states and local governments that often lack basic protections (including basic ethics protections) to tighten their hold, all while diverting money away from everyday consumers and sending 99% of their federal donations to liberal candidates and committees.

Make no mistake: through the Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline, trial lawyers use public contracts to siphon money from your states toward political efforts that are in many cases totally antagonistic to your values and those of your constituents.

At Alliance for Consumers, we believe it is important for conservatives like yourself to understand what is happening with the Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline, so you can help stop its abuse of consumers and your state.

That is why I am sending you this *Consumer Protection Report* and calling on you to **take immediate action to dismantle the Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline in your state.**

It can be done. Just consider the recent news of Kansas and Iowa [terminating contracts with Morgan & Morgan](#), a prominent member of The Shady Eight.



The consumer should never be the loser in a left-wing political money game like what we see in the Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline. While the Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline helps funnel public money toward left-wing politics, it leaves everyday consumers and taxpayers with a horrible deal. Ending the Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline is one of the strongest steps you can take to protect your consumers and the rule of law, and there is no better time than now to take action.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Consumer Protection Report: Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline Update