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Attorney General:

Today, Alliance for Consumers, an organization dedicated to consumer protection reform, issued a *Consumer Protection Report* exposing the deepening ties between trial lawyers and far left political groups like Emily's List and America Votes.

The report highlights how a web of political action committees (PACs) with close ties to trial lawyers—referred to as Shady Trial Lawyer PACs—have funneled millions to left-wing political committees and Democratic candidates. Since the beginning of 2017 these PACs have put at least \$24 million to work supporting Democratic candidates and their allies, with \$6.5 million of those donations coming in 2022. Top recipients of support in 2022 included progressive candidate Cheri Beasley in her run for U.S. Senate in North Carolina against Republican Senator Thom Tillis, the progressive hub organization America Votes, Senate Majority PAC, House Majority PAC, and Emily's List, the abortion-focused progressive political operation.

Altogether, the Shady Trial Lawyer PACs have sent 99 percent of their money to support Democratic candidates and allied committees at the federal level.

This partisan giving is particularly relevant for you because these PACs have ties to law firms that have slid their way into state contracts in states like yours, contracts that often lack basic protections. Unbeknownst to you, these PACs are often fueling their progressive campaigns thanks to your public money and the imprimatur of your offices.

It is increasingly clear that trial lawyers are often playing games in this space and not playing straight with you.

That is why I am sending you this *Consumer Protection Report* and calling on you to **closely scrutinize the firms that are working for your office, the contracts they have, and how they came to be on contract in the first place.**

The consumer should never be the loser in a left-wing political money game like this, and trial lawyers shouldn't be given a free pass by your office.

Sincerely,
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Attachment: **Consumer Protection Report: Shady Trial Lawyer Pipeline Update: The Shady Trial Lawyer PACs Revisited**