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Governor:

Today, Alliance for Consumers, an organization dedicated to consumer protection reform, issued a *Consumer Protection Alert* highlighting the advocacy groups and shadowy left-wing backers who are ultimately standing behind the public nuisance lawsuits that are spreading in states like yours.

Under the guise of compensation for injuries to the overall public interest, these lawsuits open the door to courts imposing sweeping policy solutions outside the traditional governmental processes or otherwise reshaping the economy through massive money transfers. **This is the new progressive playbook; a way to use courts to force compliance from officials, businesses, and consumers with a progressive agenda that cannot be enacted by other means.**

Public nuisance lawsuits have rightly attracted attention for being an avenue to improperly shake down deep-pocketed companies. But it is crucial to see that public nuisance claims are about liberal control, not just money.

One of the clearest illustrations of this is looking at the ideological groups that are pushing these public nuisance lawsuits, from the liberal advocacy groups on the front lines, appearing on court papers and supporting the cases in the media and through other avenues, to the shadowy progressive funding networks, like the one run by Arabella Advisors, that are pumping millions of dollars into advancing these cases alongside their other campaigns to reshape America.

And never forget that these shadowy networks are funneling foreign money into their efforts, meaning money from foreign nationals is helping to change life in your state.

At Alliance for Consumers, we believe it is important for conservatives like yourself to understand this progressive plan to attack your state's values, before it is too late.

Because public nuisance claims are often freestanding state law causes of action available to local governments that otherwise often lack authority to bring public enforcement actions, **progressives have found these cases to be particularly valuable in places where they have lost meaningful electoral influence, as trial lawyers can work alongside local governments and shadowy left-wing backers to try an end-run around state governments and push fundamental societal and economic changes in even the most conservative states, like yours.**



That is why I am sending you this *Consumer Protection Alert* and the enclosed report, which outlines the advocacy groups and shadowy left-wing backers behind all of this.

I am also calling on you to **take immediate action to halt the spread of public nuisance lawsuits in your state, reign in your local governments, and look into whether foreign money is improperly being used to influence your state's policies;** deploy every lever at your disposal to undermine this left-wing weapon and stop it from changing your state and our society, before it is too late.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Consumer Protection Report