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Dear Governor:

As the leader of a national consumer advocacy organization, I am writing to spotlight a sophisticated and underhanded scheme that left-wing dark money groups are operating in states like yours as part of an ongoing, massive legal campaign to reshape the products available to consumers across the country.

There are few more pressing public policy topics than the ongoing campaign of climate change-related public nuisance litigation that left-wing nonprofits and trial lawyers are pressing, with support from dark money donors, in an effort to reshape our economy, bankrupt energy suppliers, and reshape what consumers can find on store shelves and how we live our lives. At Alliance For Consumers we have been focusing on this threat for over a year, [raising awareness of the threat and the appropriate responses](#).

Now there are [alarming new reports](#) indicating that the Environmental Law Institute's Climate Judiciary Project has been running an underhanded scheme in states like yours to reach and influence state and federal judges across the nation, with funding from the same donors who are backing the climate change cases and the lawyers who press them.

These eye-opening [reports](#) indicate that the Climate Judiciary Project at ELI is (1) funded by the same entities bankrolling the climate cases, (2) providing educational materials prepared by plaintiff-advisors and pro-plaintiff amicus filers, and (3) using their meetings with judges to preview arguments from plaintiffs in climate change cases in *ex parte* settings.

There are also indications that the Climate Judiciary Project has been carrying out its scheme by using The Federal Judicial Center's judicial training events and also state university settings to launder their campaign.

These climate change cases are [a menace to ordinary people and seem designed to force progressive lifestyle choices on the entire nation](#).

Exposing and curtailing CJP's activities is thus important for preserving the quality-of-life ordinary Americans enjoy.



To that end, AFC calls on you to:

- Determine if your state universities or other state resources are being used to launder these underhanded Climate Judiciary Project efforts.
- Press public higher education institutions in your state to close their venues to the Climate Judiciary Project.
- Ensure that the administrative unit of your state judiciary is not hosting Climate Judiciary Project programming.

Please take action to protect your state and your consumers from what the Climate Judiciary Project is doing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'O.H. Skinner'.

O.H. Skinner
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