



## GRASSROOTS ACTION ALERT

Dear PIA Members:

On Tuesday, April 30, **Senate Judiciary A** will meet to debate critical tort reform bills! See the agenda [here](#).

Please email [Your Senator on Jud A](#) to urge a favorable vote for these tort reform bills, including HB 423 by Melerine regarding collateral sources and HB 336 by Chenevert regarding disclosure of litigation financing.

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Don't know your Senator? [Check here](#).

Please be sure to include your own message to your Senator when you encourage their "yes" votes to HB 423 by Melerine (provides for payment of recoverable medical expenses from collateral sources) and HB 336 by Chenvert (creates the Litigation Financing Disclosure Act), both of which are intended to improve the insurance industry in our state. Sample language for your use is below.

Please contact your PIA staff at 225-766-7770 if we may be of service to you.

Thank you!

Natalie

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### **RE: Support Tort Reform Legislation to Combat Louisiana's Insurance Crisis**

*Dear Senator:*

*As an independent insurance agent and on behalf of the Professional Insurance Agents of Louisiana, I am writing to encourage your support of much-needed legal reform bills that are currently being considered by the Louisiana Legislature.*

*The current Louisiana insurance crisis has significantly encumbered the Louisiana insurance consumer as well as numerous industries affected by lack of markets and exorbitant premiums.*

*Just as Insurance Commissioner Temple has brought forth very important insurance reform bills that are advancing through the*

session, the tort reform bills brought forward are critical legislation as well.

We know that tort reform is necessary if we are truly going to alleviate our state of this insurance crisis. **Accordingly, I strongly urge to you to support the following legislation, both of which encourage transparency and combat skyrocketing litigation costs, in Judiciary A tomorrow:**

- **HB 336**, by Representative Emily Chenevert, creates the Litigation Financing Disclosure Act. Last year, Rep. Peacock's SB 196 similar legislation was vetoed by the Governor last year. It is extremely important and right for folks involved in litigation to know all the players, particularly any entity underwriting litigation, which current law keeps from disclosure. Litigation funders must be disclosed for transparency and fair balance.
- **HB 423**, by Representative Michael Melerine, which seeks to improve Louisiana's collateral source laws, allows for greater transparency around medical billing. HB 423 aims to prevent the awarding of "phantom damages" by limiting the amount of medical expenses that plaintiffs may recover to the amount paid to the provider by the health insurer or Medicare, not the amount billed.

The passage of HB 336 and HB 423 are important steps in alleviating the Louisiana insurance crisis.

Thank you for the hard work you have put in this session and for hearing our views on this issue. Please vote YES to HB 336 and HB 423. Please contact me if I may address any questions or concerns you might have.