NATIONAL TAXPAYERS UNION

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The Honorable Jim Jordan
Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jamie Raskin
Ranking Member, House Judiciary Committee
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Dear Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member Raskin, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of National Taxpayers Union, the nation's oldest taxpayer advocacy organization, I write to express our strong opposition to H.R. 1109, the Litigation Transparency Act of 2025. The broad disclosure requirements in this legislation threaten to undermine fundamental American values of freedom of speech and association.

This legislation would compel parties in a lawsuit to reveal detailed information about their financial support, including specifics about their litigation funding agreements. This mandate would apply outside of the normal discovery process and even without an order by a judge. The scope of this law would affect numerous political and civic organizations that rely on external contributions to support their legal efforts.

The central danger of this legislation is that it forces the public disclosure of donor identities. In addition to undermining privacy rights, this stipulation would inevitably leave financial supporters at risk of harassment or retaliation. And yet, threats to personal safety are just one of this bill's numerous unintended consequences.

This legislation's wide-ranging disclosure provisions will have a chilling effect on speech. For many, the personal and professional cost of having their identities made public will be too high a price to pay for participating in litigation that serves an important public interest.

While protecting the judicial system from foreign interference is a legitimate goal, policymakers should pursue this objective with a narrow approach that protects the privacy and free speech rights of Americans. This sweeping, indiscriminate measure instead compromises the constitutionally protected free speech rights of donors. It also places attorney-client privilege at risk by potentially requiring the revelation of confidential financial information related to legal strategy.

If enacted, this legislation would leave Americans with fewer resources and less motivation to pursue legitimate legal claims. Making it harder to engage in legal advocacy will erode the public's trust in the political process. For these reasons, we strongly urge you and the Committee to reject H.R. 1109.

Best regards,

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