

# **About Us**



#### **Mission**

Restoring balance and fairness in Michigan's legal system through practical, common sense reforms. Our goal is to protect consumers, small businesses and communities from abusive legal practices.

# **Need for Action -**

Frivolous lawsuits are on the rise, allowing bad actors to line their pockets while consumers foot the bill. Holes in our laws and backwards rulings in our courtrooms are shaping our legal system into one that prioritizes dollars over justice.

# **Backwards Court Rulings**

Backwards Supreme Court rulings are accelerating this problem in Michigan, and more costly decisions could be on the horizon.

In the last year alone, we've seen notable cases from the high court that significantly raised the cost of doing business in Michigan, from the overturning of our longstanding "open and obvious" doctrine to the sweeping overhaul of our state's minimum wage and paid sick leave laws.

### Solution

The MI Alliance for Legal Reform brings together a broad coalition committed to reining in legal abuses and reducing costs for taxpayers. United, we advance meaningful reforms to ensure a judicial system that is fair and balanced for all.

# By the numbers

# A \$3,000 hit annually

Michigan's legal system is costing every taxpayer, whether or not they ever see the inside of a courtroom. The so-called "tort tax" drains more than \$3,000 per household each year, equal to 2% of our state's GDP.

# 100,000 jobs lost

Michigan's broken legal climate drives away 100,000 jobs annually, stifling growth and opportunities for Michigan families and small businesses alike.

# **Judicial Hellhole**

Michigan has been labeled a "judicial hellhole" by the American Tort Reform Foundation, citing pending legislation and backwards Court Rulings from Michigan's Supreme Court that undermine fairness and predictability.

## **Coalition Members**



























































# FAQ

#### How does the legal system impact me when I'm not in a lawsuit?

When laws and courts allow frivolous lawsuits, businesses of all sizes face higher legal costs. Those costs don't stay in the courtroom — they get passed on to consumers through higher prices or fewer services.

#### What policies would restore balance & fairness to our legal system?

The reforms we're pursuing are rooted in transparency, common sense and integrity. Too often, frivolous lawsuits are fueled by hidden funding, legal loopholes, and bad actors exploiting the system for profit. The Alliance's policies will put sensible guardrails in place so that fairness and justice guide every outcome.

#### Who benefits from these proposed changes to our legal system?

Everyone stands to benefit from these common sense reforms. If adopted, every Michigan taxpayer will see their costs decline. Our legal system will see more predictability and a reduction in courtroom backlogs. Lower costs and stronger predictability will have a rippling effect across our economy, unlocking opportunities for workers, consumers and job providers.

#### Will these policy changes impact someone's ability to file a lawsuit?

None of these reforms will stop anyone from filing a lawsuit in Michigan. Our goal isn't to block access to justice; our goal is to prevent bad actors from abusing our legal system for profit.