

January 12, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson:

In November of last year, I wrote you to voice my deep concern about and opposition to a piece of legislation, the *Litigation Transparency Act of 2025* (H.R. 1109), which prompted serious concerns relative to the privacy of Americans and the ability for conservative legal organizations and our allies to litigate cases critical to defending the rights of Americans.

Today, I write you once again as it happens this bill, now titled *Protecting Third Party Litigation Funding From Abuse Act*, has resurfaced. While it appears its authors attempted in good faith to include exemptions intended to address some of the concerns I and other conservative leaders raised, these exemptions still fall far short of rectifying the core problems presented by this bill.

Mandated disclosure, no matter its form, is facially unconstitutional and will bring to a halt much funding for conservative advocacy.

This remains true both in cases where such mandates target the financial contributions received by non-profit and religious organizations, or litigants supported by commercial litigation financing. As I previously warned, such disclosure mechanisms can and will be weaponized. This bill threatens to hand a cudgel to the left and those who seek to undermine important legal battles over vital issues like the sanctity of life, parental rights, transgender identity, and religious liberty.

As I write you, the Alliance Defending Freedom is actively fighting against similar abuses before the U.S. Supreme Court. In *First Choice Women's Resource Centers v. Platkin*, the petitioners, a faith-based organization that provides pregnant women with information to make life-affirming decisions, are victims of such unlawful, politically targeted disclosure tactics. In 2023, New Jersey Attorney General Matthew Platkin issued a subpoena to First Choice demanding it hand over more than a decade of documents, including the identity of clients, donors, and personnel. First Choice was targeted because of its pro-life and religious views. Attorney General Platkin's subpoena not only violates First Choice's First Amendment rights, it threatens the safety and privacy of the women the organization helped.

It is my hope that our nation's highest court, and likewise Congress, will recognize that such disclosure mandates are fundamentally unconstitutional and serve only as a tool for intimidation, not transparency. Moreover, it is my belief that efforts to advance transparency should be directed at the federal government, not its citizenry.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to stand against this threat to liberty and to reject the *Protecting Third Party Litigation Funding From Abuse Act*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Alan Sears". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Alan Sears

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