
Your views

Profits over safety

Big businesses continue to lie to Alabamians. Those which don't want to be held accountable fund the American Tort Reform Association, which smears places in America as "judicial hellholes."

They support ATRA because they benefit by shutting courthouse doors on regular folks. When we can't hold them accountable in front of juries, we lose our health or homes because we cannot seek justice.

For every action there is an opposite and equal reaction. Big businesses put profits over safety, because we continue to guarantee they will not be held accountable. Continuing to elect people who force us to arbitrate means big businesses win. Electing those who substitute their opinions for the opinions of juries means big businesses win.

Take the Exxon case. Twice juries decided Exxon stole. Twice the Alabama Supreme Court said Exxon's conduct is permissible. Exxon knows it can do as it pleases in Alabama.

ATRA did not smear Alabama in its recent list. This is good, some think. No! This means big businesses can do as they please in Alabama without being held accountable.

Just ask the insiders at Exxon. Arbitration and funding of political races by big businesses result in a climate where big businesses are no longer accountable. Don't get hurt in Alabama. The companies that hurt us will not be held accountable.

Those who believe that criminals should be held accountable for their crimes, ought to believe that

big businesses should be held accountable when they hurt us.

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