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Businesses often espouse "The Big Lie" after they injure or kill someone. "The Big Lie" changes from case to case but basically means if you lie big, long and loud enough, people will believe you.

Which brings me to Skip Tucker's Jan. 20 letter, "Real culprit," in which he attacked me as a "trial lawyer."

Thanks for the compliment.

I am a trial lawyer. To be among those Tucker singles out for verbal assaults is indeed an honor.

Tucker and Alabama Voters Against Lawsuit Abuse, mouthpieces of big businesses, abide by "The Big Lie" on a daily basis. They want us to believe juries and lawyers are evil.

However, by holding greedy corporate defendants accountable, juries and lawyers have stopped Ford from making exploding Pintos; have made car makers include air bags in vehicles; and have forced deadly medicine off the market.

My clients' cases have forced explosives companies to alter the ultrahazardous design of blasting caps that were maiming oil field workers; forced pizza delivery companies to cease running over people because the pizzas were free if not delivered in 30 minutes; and forced 18-wheeler companies to change safety policies to prevent drivers from falling asleep at the wheel.

Trial lawyers have made the world safer for regular folks because we present the truth to juries, which hold bad companies accountable.

Nothing is more conservative than accountability.

Being attacked by Tucker as he continues to espouse "The Big Lie" to whoever will listen to him is one of higher professional compliments I have received.

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Alabama counted

I am an eighth-grade Boy Scout. This year I have been more aware of the presidential elections.

I am excited that Alabama decided to move our primary voting to "Super Tuesday."

Because of this, more candidates came and our vote counted more.

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