

Change Florida's civil justice system?

Gov. Chiles asks...

← GOOD QUESTION!

"How does it leave the consumer?"

— Miami Herald, April 10, 1998

About 3 out of 4 Florida consumers worry they or a member of their family will one day be sued or threatened with a lawsuit.

Sued or not, all Floridians end up paying the cost of lawsuit abuse.

One study estimates that a Florida consumer pays \$655 more per year for goods and services because of frivolous lawsuits.

Another study put the cost even higher: \$709 more per year.

What could you purchase for your family with this money... if you weren't having to pay for other people's lawsuits?

Pick any four of the following items and you'll get an idea of what lawsuit abuse costs your family every year...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Two monthly payments on a mid-sized car | <input type="checkbox"/> New school clothes for two children. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gas for the car, for one year. | <input type="checkbox"/> Two months day care for one child. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A summer's worth of air conditioning your home. | <input type="checkbox"/> More than a month's supply of food for your family. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A round-trip plane ticket to any U.S. destination. | <input type="checkbox"/> Eight weeks of comprehensive health insurance. |

MORE THAN
← \$2,500
FOR A FAMILY
OF FOUR !!!

Of course, if the trial lawyers really cared about Florida consumers, they would step forward and fix their own profession.

But since they don't appear willing or able to, The legislature should pass and the governor should sign into law the fair and reasonable changes that have been proposed.

That would be great for consumers, because our society needs a strong judicial system that works fairly for everyone. We need a system that not only enforces contracts and settles disputes peacefully, but one that also allows those who are truly harmed to seek and recover compensation from those who are truly at fault.

Fixing the problems that currently tilt the system in favor of those who only seek to get rich by filing frivolous lawsuits does not mean doing away with the legal system.

Far from it, the proposed changes can make the system stronger, more fair and reasonable for everyone — especially those who have honest complaints.

And it can save all of us Florida consumers some hard-earned money.

← MAKES A
LOT
OF SENSE!

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(888) 884-8864
← AND TELL
GOV. CHILES!!

Fair, reasonable legal reforms are good for every Florida consumer.