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The American consumer is under attack as political parties and global corporations attempt to limit consumer litigation. Class action lawsuits and toxic tort litigation are two examples of specific legal remedies used by consumers that are now being restricted to the point of no return. Please join the Journal of Law and Public Affairs as we host U.S. Congressman Hank Johnson for an important discussion about this issue.

The American consumer is under attack as political parties and global corporations attempt to limit consumer litigation. Through the introduction of restrictive legislation, access to a fair and effective justice system for all Americans is at risk. Class action lawsuits and toxic tort litigation are two examples of specific legal remedies used by consumers that are now being restricted to the point of no return. H.R. 1927 is an example of one such effort. The bill restricts the class certification process established under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23. By limiting class actions, injured consumers often lose their incentive to pursue legal action. Embedded in this bill was also language aimed at toxic tort litigation, specifically asbestos-related. This language looked to strip away any incentive for injured workers and veterans from seeking justice. It does so by making litigation cost prohibitive and exposes the plaintiffs to unnecessary invasions of their privacy. The American legal system is one of the few tools the average American has to level the playing field in the search for justice and it must be preserved.

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