



## **The Need for Lawsuit Reform in Louisiana** ***Louisiana Voter Opinion Survey***

The Coalition for Common Sense and Louisiana Lawsuit Abuse Watch commissioned a statewide poll to survey Louisiana voters for their thoughts on lawsuits in our state.

The survey found voters across the political spectrum and from all parts of Louisiana believe abusive lawsuits are hurting the state's economy and the ability to create jobs.

- Approximately 2/3 of Louisiana voters believe there are too many lawsuits in our state.
- More than 8 out of 10 Louisiana voters believe lawsuit reform is needed.
- Roughly 70 percent believe lawsuit abuse costs jobs and hurts our state's economy.
- Eighty-five percent believe that personal injury lawyer ads encourage people to sue, and 78 percent believe that lawyers take advantage of disasters to file frivolous lawsuits.
- Three-fourths of Louisiana voters said they are less likely to support candidates who took campaign contributions from personal injury lawyers.
- Seventy-nine percent agreed lawsuits raise the price for consumer goods and services.
- Seventy-six percent agreed that lawsuit reform will attract and keep businesses.

Clearly, Louisiana voters across the state are concerned that lawsuit abuse hurts our economy and costs us jobs.

*Statewide survey of 600 likely Louisiana voters conducted by Southern Media and Opinion Research on July 26 - 30, 2011. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 4.0%.*