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February 9, 2024

Your Legislator
Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Senator _____,

As an employer/constituent in your district and a critical commercial motor vehicle (CMV) interest, I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill S.533, the "SC Justice Act," and to urge its passage during the 2024 legislative session. As you know, this crucial piece of legislation aims to address a long-standing issue in our state's legal system by (finally) establishing a fair and unambiguous "modified" joint and several liability system.

South Carolina's current at-fault liability system has long been a source of concern for individuals like me who operate in the trucking industry. The system allows for the shifting of all liability onto possibly one defendant, even if they are only partially at fault. This unique and outlier system places an unjust burden on businesses and individuals, often punishing honest mistakes by forcing them into inflated settlements or facing biased juries that view judgments as mere insurance claims.

S.533 represents an opportunity to rectify this longstanding problem and bring our state's legal system in line with those of our neighboring states. By codifying a fair and transparent system for apportioning fault and liability in civil actions, we can provide much-needed clarity and equity to all parties involved.

I urge you to consider sponsoring the "SC Justice Act." It's high time we put an end to this issue that should have been resolved decades ago.

Our insurance coverages cannot sustain carrying the liability of others.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to awareness of your sponsorship of this important bill. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me at [Your Phone Number] or [Your Email Address].

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Dear Senator _____,

As a constituent in your district and a proud commercial motor vehicle (CMV) interest, I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill S.533, the "SC Justice Act," and my sincere gratitude to you for being a sponsor of this bill.

Further, I urge you to **recall** this bill from stagnation in the Judiciary Committee, then vote for **cloture** to pass it. There is no excuse for extending the collateral damage this is causing.

Your sponsorship of this crucial piece of legislation demonstrates that you understand the need for our state lawmakers to address a long-standing issue with its legal system by (finally) establishing a fair and unambiguous "modified" joint and several liability system.

South Carolina's current civil liability system has long been a source of concern for individuals like me who operate in the trucking industry. The system allows for the shifting of all liability onto defendants, even if they are only partially at fault. This unique and outlier system places an unjust burden on businesses and individuals, punishing honest mistakes by forcing them into inflated settlements or facing biased juries that view judgments as mere insurance claims.

S.533 represents an opportunity to rectify this longstanding problem and bring our state's legal system in line with those of our neighboring states. By codifying a fair and transparent system for apportioning fault and liability in civil actions, we can provide much-needed clarity and equity to all parties involved.

Again, I thank you for your support of Senate Bill S.533, the "SC Justice Act." This legislation will not only address a glaring issue in our legal system but also contribute to a fairer and more just South Carolina. It's high time we put an end to this issue that should have been resolved decades ago.

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