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### **Letter to the Editor, Modern Healthcare**

Regarding the recent article, “Providers want Trump to stay out of tort reform” ([ModernHealthcare.com](http://ModernHealthcare.com), May 24), the assertions made do not represent the views of most physicians and providers, nor do they convey how our broken medical liability system drives up healthcare costs and threatens patient access to care.

Contrary to the hypothesis that healthcare providers prefer state-based solutions, the Health Coalition on Liability and Access represents a broad range of providers who support federal medical liability reform. The coalition counts among its members the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American Medical Association, and the American College of Surgeons – among many other associations representing physicians and other healthcare professionals and institutions – showing clear support among providers for a comprehensive, uniform solution.

In states across the country, access to care is threatened, and defensive medicine has become the new norm in order to avoid meritless lawsuits. While these lawsuits are dropped, withdrawn, or dismissed 68% of the time, they require a tremendous amount of time, energy, and money to defend against.

Federal medical liability reform will reduce medical lawsuit abuse, maintaining the integrity of the liability system for deserving patients and preserving patient access to care for all Americans.

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