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International Legal Finance Association (ILFA) Statement on House Judiciary Markup of the Litigation Transparency Act of 2025 and the Protecting Our Courts from Foreign Manipulation Act of 2025

These bills would undermine the judicial process for individuals and small businesses while emboldening large corporations.

WASHINGTON, DC – Tomorrow, the House Committee on the Judiciary is set to markup H.R. 1109, the Litigation Transparency Act of 2025, and H.R. 2675, the Protecting Our Courts from Foreign Manipulation Act of 2025. Below is a statement from ILFA Executive Director Paul Kong on the legislation.

"These proposals are a direct assault on small businesses that have already been harmed by powerful corporations and are fighting for justice in the courts. Startups, individuals, and entrepreneurs turn to legal funding because it is often the only way they can afford to stand up to corporate giants. Stripping them of privacy around their legal strategies is not 'reform' but rather an intentional effort to weaken their cases and give large corporations yet another unfair advantage.

It's no coincidence that this language is being pushed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. These organizations have long used their vast resources to tilt the legal system in their favor, and they are eager to keep it that way. This legislation is nothing more than a corporate wish list disguised as policy. Courts already have full authority to require disclosure of financing agreements when it is actually relevant—which is rare. Judges have correctly ruled that these agreements have no bearing on the facts of a case and should remain private.

Rather than presenting evidence, proponents of these bills rely on manufactured fear—claiming that foreign actors might somehow misuse legal finance to target American businesses. They cannot point to a single real example as none exists. Current laws, ethical rules, and court safeguards already prevent any outside party from controlling litigation or accessing sensitive information. Courts issue protective orders routinely to ensure confidential materials remain protected.

These bills are unnecessary, unsupported by evidence, and unmistakably designed to benefit the biggest and most powerful corporations at the expense of small businesses. Lawmakers should reject this blatant attempt to rig the system and instead stand with *the entrepreneurs who drive innovation, competition, and economic growth in America."*

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