



May 22, 2019

Dear Member:

The members of the Fair Arbitration Now coalition **strongly support** Rep. Green's Amendment to the Consumers First Act, which would reinstate the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)'s 2017 rule governing forced arbitration. The CFPB issued its final rule on forced arbitration which restores the rights of consumers, investors, and servicemembers to participate in class actions against large financial corporations that have broken the law. This rule was wiped out with the use of the Congressional Review Act which passed the House in July of 2017.

By reviving the CFPB rule, the Green Amendment 29 restores the rights of consumers, investors, and servicemembers to participate in class actions against large financial corporations that have broken the law by doing the following:

- 1) Restores the constitutional rights of consumers that are harmed to band together to hold Wall Street accountable for their wrongdoing; and
- 2) Maintains the right to force individuals into arbitration, but imposes long overdue transparency requirements that shine light on an often biased and opaque process.

The CFPB arbitration rule and Green Amendment Rule 29 also codify much of Senator Lindsey Graham's Servicemember Civil Relief Act (SCRA) Rights Protection Act, which restores the rights of service members to hold banks accountable for violating a federal law meant to protect members of our military.

Attached is a letter signed by 370 consumer, labor, civil rights, community, and nonprofit organizations also expressing strong support for the arbitration rule that the Green Amendment would restore.

Please vote YES to Green Amendment 29 to the Consumers First Act, HR 1500.

Sincerely,

Fair Arbitration Now (Organizations that support ending the predatory practice of forced arbitration in consumer and non-bargaining employment contracts:

<http://www.fairarbitrationnow.org/coalition/>), consisting of the following organizations:

Alliance for Justice
Alzheimer's Foundation of America
American Association for Justice
American Association of University Women
Americans for Democratic Action
Americans for Fairness in Lending
American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
Americans for Financial Reform
Arizona Consumers Council
Arizona PIRG
Asian American Justice Center
Black Leadership Forum
Campaign for Contract Agriculture Reform
Center for Justice & Democracy
Center for Medicare Advocacy
Center for Responsible Lending
Citizen Works
Coalition of Franchisee Associations
Communication Workers of America
Community Action Partnership
Consumer Action
Consumer Federation of America
Consumer Watchdog
Consumers for Auto Reliability and Safety
Consumers Union
Demand Justice
Demos
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
Drum Major Institute for Public Policy
Empire Justice Center
The Employee Rights Advocacy Institute For Law & Policy

Farmworker Justice
Florida Alliance for Consumer Protection
Give Me Back My Rights Coalition
Government Accountability Project
Homeowners Against Deficient Dwellings
Home Owners for Better Building
Impact Fund
International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT)
Japanese American Citizens League
Laborers' International Union of North America (LiUNA)
Lambda Legal
Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
Legal Services of Southern Piedmont
The Long Term Care Community Coalition
Mid Minnesota Legal Assistance
National Association of Consumer Advocates
National Association of Human Rights Workers
National Association of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs
The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care
National Community Reinvestment Coalition
National Consumer Law Center (On behalf of its low income clients)
National Consumers League
National Contract Poultry Growers Association
National Council of La Raza
National Employment Law Project
National Employment Lawyers Association
National Fair Housing Alliance
National Partnership for Women & Families
Justice in Aging
National Women's Law Center

National Women's Health Network
Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project (NEDAP)
Organization of Competitive Markets
Policyholders of America
Progressive States Network
Public Citizen
Public Justice Center
Rural Advancement Foundation International – USA
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Take Back Your Rights PAC
Texas Watch
U.S. Public Interest Research Group
United Policyholders
Virginia Citizens Consumer Council
Virginia Poverty Law Center
Women Employed
Workplace Fairness