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The Honorable Dan Gattis
County Judge – Williamson County
710 Main Street, Ste. 101
Georgetown, TX 78626

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Dear Judge Gattis and Commissioners:

Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse (“CALA”), is a nonprofit, grassroots public education movement dedicated to making the public better aware of the cost and consequences of lawsuit abuse. The movement is supported by more than 25,000 Texans. Our supporters include small businesses, doctors, attorneys, retirees, homemakers, consumers and taxpayers – Texans who share a common concern about lawsuit abuse and its impact upon our lives.

We appreciate your past recognition and respectfully ask that the commissioner’s court, at their next formal meeting, recognize October 5-9 “Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week” with a proclamation encouraging all Texans to be mindful of many benefits of lawsuit reform and maintaining a balanced civil justice system.

We pay more for goods and services every year because of frivolous litigation and we pay in other ways, too. For example, junk lawsuits clog our court dockets making it difficult for people with valid claims to be heard. From a county’s perspective, commissioners should be concerned about sovereign immunity claims the cost of litigation against the county, and the burden frivolous lawsuits place on the county court system. If the county must spend more, so must the taxpayers.

At this time, please visit www.calactx.com for more information and contact me at (512) 497-7071 or cala@calactx.com if you have any questions.

Best,

Stephanie Gibson