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□ **At a ceremony today, President Bush signed the "Class Action Fairness Act,"**

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This legislation essentially is designed "to funnel most [class action] lawsuits from state courts to the federal system in a procedural change." Business interests want this change because federal courts are generally less sympathetic to class-action cases. The legislation "was produced by the same right-wing think tanks that gave us the proposed Social Security overhaul and Medicare privatization and was marketed by the US Chamber of Commerce, which along with a coalition of businesses has spent tens of millions of dollars on the effort," [according to The Nation](#)

This legislation "will make class actions--most of which involve discrimination, consumer fraud and wage-and-hour violations--all but impossible."

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