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The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Majority Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) I write to express ATR's strong support for using the Congressional Review Act (CRA) to reverse the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) recently published rule relating to arbitration agreements.

**The CFPB's arbitration rule would do little in the way of benefiting American consumers, and instead would result in a flood of class-action lawsuits putting more money in the pockets of trial lawyers.** The arbitration rule would cost consumers billions and lead to a projected 6,000 class action lawsuits every five years.

According to the CFPB's own study, average payouts to consumers after litigation was less than \$2.00 per person, which is significantly lower than the amount awarded during the arbitration process. The same study found that only 20 percent of class-action lawsuits are approved and among those the average wait time for a settlement was roughly three years. This is compared to the arbitration process where the wait time is an average of only 6.9 months.

**I urge you and your colleagues in Congress to support H.J. Res. 111 introduced by Representative Keith Rothfus (R-Penn.), which would use the authority granted under the Congressional Review Act to reverse the CFPB's arbitration rule.**

Sincerely,

Grover G. Norquist  
President  
Americans for Tax Reform