

TIPTON VOTES TO PUT CONSUMERS BEFORE TRIAL LAWYERS, REPEAL CFPB'S ANTI-ARBITRATION RULE

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Congressman Scott Tipton (CO-03) voted in support of H.J.Res. 111 to overturn the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) Anti-Arbitration Rule. The CFPB rule, which was finalized on July 10, 2017, would ban mandatory arbitration clauses in financial contracts and change the way consumers can resolve disputes with financial services companies. Without the ability to enter into arbitration, consumers would be forced to engage in costly litigation or class-action lawsuits.

Tipton spoke in support of H.J.Res. 111 on the House floor prior to the vote. He said, in part:

“Let’s look at the data that’s been provided by the CFPB: just 13 percent of the class action suits actually provided a benefit to the consumers. And what was that whopping benefit? Thirty-two dollars. Thirty-two dollars that they’re willing to celebrate over as compensation for people who have been harmed.

“Let’s look at the other side of the ledger. What are the trial lawyers receiving? On average, \$1 million. So our friends may want to stand up for the trial lawyers, for their million dollar paychecks, but we’re going to choose to stand with the American consumer to make sure they are going to be able to receive the justice that they deserve. And one way to be able to do that is going to be through arbitration. When we look at the CFPB’s own statistics, the average arbitration payout is not your \$32, it is almost \$5,400, which has been received in terms of compensation ... this latest rule joins a growing list of CFPB actions that have hurt consumers.”

Watch Tipton’s full remarks here (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ea0YGoCQx_E&feature=youtu.be).

H.J.Res. 111 passed the House with a vote of 231-190. It must now be considered by the Senate.