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Dear Jessica,

Forced arbitration is considered by many as a dire and growing threat to our constitutional right to an open and unbiased hearing in court. Yet most Americans have never even heard of it. Take a minute and learn how this issue effects all of us.



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Businesses Use Loophole to Deny Day in Court

Injustice, Thy Name Is Forced Arbitration

Tia's employment case against Circuit City was thrown out of court even though her boss sexually harassed her for months, once even exposing his genitals. Javier lost his job when he was deployed overseas despite federal laws protecting employment for members of the armed services. Alan and other small business owners were told they couldn't take American Express to court for charging exorbitant exchange rates. Marjorie, Roberta, Richard, Dean, Frances, Beulah, Horace and Mary all suffered terribly and died from nursing home neglect, yet their families were not able to sue the nursing home companies.



Tia was sexually harassed by her boss at Circuit City for months. Her [story here.](#)

How could injustices like these be allowed to exist in America where everyone has the right to take wrongdoers to court? It's called forced arbitration, and you or a loved one may be next to lose your rights.

[More on this growing scam here.](#)

BY THE NUMBERS /

80%
Upheld

Forced arbitration clauses with class-action waivers were upheld in 132 out of 164 federal cases in 2014, [preventing Americans](#) from taking on big companies for predatory lending, wage theft and discrimination.

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Unaware

A [2015 study](#) found that three out of four consumers didn't know if they were subject to a forced arbitration clause, and less than 7 percent were

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aware that they were stripped of their right to go to court.

30
Million

An estimated 15 to 25 percent of U.S. employers use forced arbitration in employment contracts, which means more than **30 million** employees have given up their right to go to court.

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Companies Make Rules In Secret

America Tonight uncovers the pervasive use of forced arbitration clauses in the fine print of just about every product, service or employment contract. [View video.](#)



Forced Arbitration "Isn't Open, Isn't Fair"

Rep. Hank Johnson, a sponsor of the [Arbitration Fairness Act](#), speaks to the House of Representatives about the injustice of mandatory arbitration. [View video.](#)



Young Couple Feels Robbed

This *New York Times* video tells how a young couple felt robbed by mandatory arbitration when a used car dealership arbitrarily repossessed their car. [View video.](#)



Trapped By Fine Print

Businesses are using forced arbitration to deprive Americans of their constitutional rights. Learn how you are already signing away your rights – and what you can do to fight back.

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AAJ Calls Out Businesses

Corporations are using forced arbitration to hide wrongdoing, says Gary M. Paul, former president of the American Association for Justice.

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