



Public Participation Project

SLAPP Stories

"SLAPP Shots" of the cases attempting to silence free speech

Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation, or SLAPPs, are brought not to vindicate legal rights, but to harass and intimidate, and to divert attention and resources from the underlying consumer issue. Such lawsuits turn the justice system into a weapon, and have a serious chilling effect on the free speech that is so vital to the public interest. The lawsuits also cost media organizations thousands of dollars. Even a meritless suit can drag on for months – sometimes even years – and tactics such as aggressive discovery can pile on the costs.

The best protection against SLAPPs is a method to quickly dismiss suits that arise from protected speech – and the ability to recover the fees, costs and damages incurred in



legislation is needed now – it would protect against SLAPPs in all states and at the federal level.

To find out more information about how SLAPPs affect your state or area of interest, see the individual reports below.

SLAPPs in Your State:

State Anti-SLAPP Laws & SLAPP Stories

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