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## Judge Roy Moore - Great Hope of Trial Lawyers

On September 26th, Alabama will decide who the Republican nominee will be in the special election for the U.S. Senate. This election appears to be reigniting the battle lines between the business community and the trial lawyers. Just last week, AL.com featured a story on how noted trial lawyer Jere Beasley is going all out to get Roy Moore elected. According to the article, Beasley says Moore will be "important to our firm and our clients." That means more money in trial lawyer's pockets.

- Senator Luther Strange led the Gulf states legal team in the BP oil spill case and was successful in getting more than \$1 billion for Alabama.
- Senator Luther Strange is committed to producing jobs and economic development.
- Senator Luther Strange is committed to repealing Obamacare so hard-working Alabamians can afford quality healthcare.
- Senator Luther Strange is committed to enforcing our immigration laws, so illegals don't invade our workforce and take jobs away from Alabama workers.
- Senator Luther Strange is committed to confirming conservative, mainstream federal judges to protect our Alabama values.
- Attorney General Luther Strange joined a coalition of 21 states in filing a federal court complaint challenging the Obama administration's overtime rule.

After being elected Alabama's attorney general, Luther Strange promptly fired a plaintiff firm that had been hired by former Attorney General Troy King to work on the BP case. The plaintiff firm stood to get 14 percent of the settlement Alabama received. That move saved Alabama taxpayers \$180 million in legal fees that the trial lawyer firm would have received.

No wonder the trial lawyers are attacking Senator Luther Strange and promoting Roy Moore. Trial lawyers kill jobs and stop economic development only to line their pockets with other people's money.

As chief justice, Roy Moore earned his reputation as a justice inclined to expand liability for Alabama businesses and employers. The Judicial Evaluation Institute rates him a 36. Meanwhile, justices whose more conservative judicial philosophy restrain liability, such as current Chief Justice Lyn Stuart and Justice Mike Bolin, are each rated at 80.

This is a dramatic spread. Roy Moore's record would expand liability for Alabamians and make lots of money for trial lawyers.

Alabama voters have a CLEAR CHOICE on September 26th. Please help us stop the trial lawyers and get the conservative vote out for Senator Luther Strange.