



#### **THE SUPREME COURT'S POTENTIAL IMPACT ON CORPORATE ABUSE:**

**Right to Organize on the Job:** One or two more justices like Thomas or Scalia would make it easier for corporations to refuse to bargain with elected union representatives and to suspend or fire workers who try to organize other employees.

**Patients' Rights Against HMOs:** By just one vote, the Supreme Court ruled to protect patients' rights laws in 40 states from an HMO that wanted to invalidate them. Just one more justice like Scalia or Thomas would undermine states' ability to protect Americans from arbitrary decisions by HMOs.

**Pension and Retirement Benefits:** In an important recent case, a Court with two more Scalia-Thomas justices would have penalized retired coal workers for a federal agency's mistake, jeopardizing the retirement benefits of as many as 10,000 coal industry retirees.

**Safe and Bias-Free Work Environments:** A Court with additional Scalia-Thomas justices would drastically limit corporate responsibility for harassment of employees by supervisors. Such a court would also restrict protections from abusive work environments and from discrimination based on race, gender, disability, or other factors.

**Protection from Corporate Polluters:** A Court with just one more justice like Scalia and Thomas would strip the Environmental Protection Agency of its authority to prevent damaging air pollution by corporations when states fail to do so.

# PROTECT AMERICANS FROM CORPORATE POWER & ABUSE

**The ability of our courts to protect individual Americans against abusive actions by powerful corporations is at risk. You can help preserve protections from corporate abuse by helping to save the Supreme Court.**

The nine-member Supreme Court interprets the Constitution and reviews laws that affect corporate power and workers' and consumers' rights. Right now, the Court is closely divided on important questions, so the people appointed to fill the vacancies expected on the Court over the next few years will have a huge effect on individual Americans' ability to seek justice in the courts. Just one or two more rigidly ideological justices like Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas – the justices who President Bush has called his models for Supreme Court appointments – could drastically limit individuals' ability to challenge corporate abuse and make it much harder for the government itself to regulate corporate behavior.

## **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Despite the compromise over the filibuster, there remains an effort by allies of the White House to change Senate rules and make it harder to prevent anyone nominated by the president from getting on the Supreme Court for life. If you don't want corporations to get a blank check from the Supreme Court, now is the time to take action.



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