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Dear Washington Journal,

I enjoy your show. I felt that a letter scited me to express my opinion, so here goes:

First, regarding tort reform and the idea of "loser pays" - won't this encourage the hiring of many top notch lawyers to make sure one doesn't lose? After all, the winner doesn't pay! So the citizen hires F. Lee Bailey, Johnny Cochran and others regardless of their fees because he knows that if he loses he loses everything anyway. I maybe he hires every lawyer in the country (extreme example) so there will be no lawyer remaining for the other guy (a corporation) - or at least all the best lawyers. ??? \$\$\$

Secondly, it appears to me the politicians still haven't gotten the message. The people don't necessarily

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want less government, they want good government. Today we see constant bickering among Congressmen, no one is really listening to the other.

I want to see Democrat say 100 and Republican say 50 and then they both say 75! For example in tort reform, both are right in some cases.

We should not have exorbitant awards, (and judges usually see that we don't) but should have recourse to the courts to fight back ^{against} ~~with~~ exploiters or polluters. I want to see both sides seeking together a good solution that addresses abuses or problems on both sides. Let's see less of a war of being right and winning and more of finding a way together where both win including the American public.

If the partisan mud slinging continues the public may lose respect for all government. We are almost there. We could become like Italy where no one pays income tax unless the government makes them - one by one!

Sincerely,