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Court dealt blow to Georgia citizens, not plaintiffs' lawyer

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The first sentence of your March 16 article, "Court upholds ER standards," reads that the Supreme Court dealt a blow to "plaintiff's lawyers." I cringe whenever I hear the media pit doctors against lawyers on tort reform issues. Trial attorneys are fighting these issues for families who will unfortunately be the victims of malpractice next year and the year after. Most citizens don't know and have no reason to care about tort reform issues because it's not something they think they will ever have to deal with. Most citizens will never understand the importance of these laws and court decisions until they are in a situation where they need to seek the help of a trial lawyer. Yes, the trial lawyers are the ones at the state Capitol building and in the courtroom fighting these issues. However, it's really not about us. So, if you want to get it right, the Supreme Court on Monday dealt a blow to the citizens of the state of Georgia, not plaintiffs' lawyers.

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