Please **UNFAVORABLE** HB947

Civil Actions – Public Nuisances – Firearm Industry Members (Gun Industry Accountability Act of 2024)

Does one think of Bass Pro in the Arundel Mills mall when you say "Firearm Industry Member" because they WILL be included with this bill. Let's play "change the noun" and switch the merchandise from "firearm" to ANY other item and anyone with a conscience will viscerally feel that this bill is just plain wrong. There really has to be some limit to the stigmatizing of honest citizens and perfectly legitimate industries; they are NOT the bad guys. I find the name of this bill incredibly offensive and utterly uncalled for. "Accountability"? Accountable for making an honest living actually making/selling a sporting goods product? "Public nuisance"; I guess many people, myself included, aren't considered part of the "public" since they find nothing annoying about the firearms industry. Driving businesses out of business through such wanton vilification will certainly not solve whatever problem this bill purports to solve.

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