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UNFAVORABLE FOR HOUSE BILL 0947

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

This bill might as well be titled "Gun Industry Oppression Act of 2024." Let's take a look at the "reasonable controls" you're intending to task firearm manufacturers with:

- (G) "REASONABLE CONTROLS" MEANS POLICIES THAT ARE DESIGNED
 - (1) TO PREVENT THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF A FIREARM–RELATED PRODUCT TO:
 - (I) A STRAW PURCHASER;
 - (II) A FIREARM TRAFFICKER;
 - (III) A PERSON PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING A FIREARM UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW; AND
 - (IV) A PERSON WHO THE FIREARM INDUSTRY MEMBER HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE INTENDS TO USE THE FIREARM–RELATED PRODUCT:
 - 1. TO COMMIT A CRIME; OR
 - 2. TO CAUSE HARM TO THE PERSON OR ANOTHER PERSON;
 - (2) TO PREVENT THE LOSS OR THEFT OF A FIREARM–RELATED PRODUCT FROM A FIREARM INDUSTRY MEMBER; AND
 - (3) TO ENSURE THAT THE FIREARM INDUSTRY MEMBER COMPLIES WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF STATE AND FEDERAL LAW AND DOES NOT OTHERWISE PROMOTE THE UNLAWFUL SALE, MANUFACTURE, ALTERATION, IMPORTATION, MARKETING, POSSESSION, OR USE OF A FIREARM–RELATED PRODUCT

Hang on a second ... you're describing all the functions the Legislature and Law Enforcement elements of our government are supposed to be doing. If the manufacturers are supposed to be doing this, what the hell are *you* doing? And what do we need *you* for?

Manufacturers don't have any authority to enforce the law, perform background checks, or otherwise prevent interstate criminal behavior. You're attempting to assign them requirements that are impossible to achieve. I s'pose that's rather the point, isn't it?

Respectfully submitted,

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