

DATE: February 28, 2024
BILL NO.: House Bill 947
COMMITTEE: Judiciary
TITLE: *Civil Actions - Public Nuisances - Firearm Industry Members (Gun Industry Accountability Act of 2024)*
POSITION: Oppose

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HB 947 creates a requirement that “A FIREARM INDUSTRY MEMBER SHALL ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT REASONABLE CONTROLS REGARDING THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, IMPORTATION, MARKETING, POSSESSION, AND USE OF THE FIREARM INDUSTRY MEMBER’S FIREARM-RELATED PRODUCTS.” The bill in no way defines “reasonable controls,” making it impossible for firearm industry members to fully verify that they are compliant with the bill’s provisions. HB 947 doesn’t even require that industry members be aware that they are violating the law before they are opened to potential civil action. It is unreasonable for the government to place regulatory burdens on an industry for which industry members can be held liable without providing associated safe harbor mechanisms.

I request an “**unfavorable**” vote on HB 947.