

I am opposed to SB 0056. There are several reasons why gun manufacturers should not be held liable for criminal acts committed with firearms. Firstly, it is the responsibility of the individual who possesses the firearm to use it legally and safely. The manufacturers have no control over how the firearms are used once they are sold to the end-user. Secondly, holding manufacturers liable for criminal acts committed with firearms could lead to a decrease in the availability and affordability of firearms for law-abiding citizens, as manufacturers may choose to cease operations or significantly increase prices due to increased legal liability. Thirdly, existing laws, such as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives regulations, already place significant restrictions and obligations on manufacturers, such as ensuring that firearms are not sold to prohibited individuals. Fourthly, holding manufacturers liable for criminal acts could set a dangerous precedent in which other industries, such as the automotive or pharmaceutical industries, could be held liable for the illegal or harmful use of their products. In conclusion, the primary responsibility for criminal acts lies with the individuals who commit them and not with the manufacturers of the tools used in those acts

I urge you to vote unfavorable on SB0056

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