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Dear Editor,

As a subscriber to *Name of Paper*, I urge you to report objectively on legislation which would end the filing of reckless lawsuits against America's law-abiding firearm industry (S. 397). Your readers deserve to know the truth, or at minimum, to hear both sides of this very important issue.

The legislation simply prohibits the filing of merit less lawsuits against America's firearm industry for the *criminal misuse* of an otherwise properly operating and lawful product.

S. 397 would not prohibit lawsuits against the firearm industry for legitimate reasons, such as the manufacture of a *truly defective* firearm or *deliberate criminal* actions by a licensed dealer who sells a gun. The only suits that would be precluded under this proposal are those that seek to hold the lawful gun industry liable for the criminal acts of third parties; the same industry that provides arms to our fighting men and women in the U.S. military.

On July 29, 2005, the Senate passed S. 397 by a vote of 65-31. On April 9, 2003, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a similar bill by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 285-140. To date, 33 states have enacted their own laws to outlaw these offensive abuses of our judicial system.

It's far past time that common sense prevailed and the U.S. Congress passes this legislation and it is enacted into law.

Sincerely,

Your Name