

## SAMPLE LETTER TO LAWMAKERS

Date

Your Name  
Address  
City, State, Zip

The Honorable           (Full Name)            
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative           (Last Name)          :

As your constituent, I strongly urge you to support S. 397 legislation to prohibit reckless lawsuits against America's law-abiding firearm industry as passed by the Senate. I consider any vote in support of anti-gun amendments to this legislation as a vote against the underlying bill itself.

On July 29, 2005, the U.S. Senate passed S. 397 by a vote of 65-31. In the 108th Congress, similar legislation passed the U.S. House of Representatives on an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 285-140. It is far past time for this legislation to be passed by Congress and enacted into law.

To date, 33 states have enacted laws to prohibit localities from filing these abusive suits that are designed to bankrupt a lawful, well-regulated industry. As long as gun-ban organizations, big-city mayors, and greedy trial lawyers are allowed to blame the firearm industry for the criminal misuse of its products, the entire industry is at risk of being destroyed. Remember, too, that this is the same industry that provides firearms to our fighting men and women in the U.S. military. It is critical that Congress passes S. 397 to put an end to these predatory lawsuits that seek to circumvent the legislative process and bankrupt a lawful and legitimate industry.

S. 397 will not prohibit lawsuits against the firearm industry for legitimate reasons, such as the manufacture of a truly defective firearm. It will not protect a licensed dealer who breaks the law. The only suits that would be blocked by S. 397 are those that seek to hold the lawful gun industry liable for the unforeseen criminal acts of third parties.

In closing, I again encourage you to support S. 397 as passed by the Senate without any anti-gun amendments to protect our nation's firearm industry. I thank you for your consideration, and would appreciate you informing me of your position on this legislation.

Sincerely,

Your Name