

Hello To All,

As you may have heard, the U.S. Senate recently passed S. 397--the "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act"--by a strong bipartisan vote of 65-31! This action will put a stop to the anti-gun lobby's shameless attempts to bankrupt the firearm industry through reckless, predatory lawsuits. These lawsuits are a transparent attempt to bankrupt a legitimate industry and accomplish the goal of disarming Americans. What gun control advocates cannot get through legislation they attempt to fraudulently get through the court system. And activist judges ignore centuries of liability law and allow the lawsuits to proceed. Fortunately for us, most of these lawsuits have been unsuccessful. This act will end over 10 years of prejudiced and predatory lawsuits which go after those with deep pockets rather than those criminals actually responsible.

Although this is a great victory and a vitally important first step, we are only half way to total success. As the battle now moves to the U.S. House of Representatives, it is critical that you contact Representative Stephanie Herseth and urge her to vote for S. 397, as passed by the Senate, with **NO** additional amendments. Although we have every reason to believe that Rep. Herseth will vote for passage, we still need to contact her to offset the volume of mail she will be receiving from anti-gun groups both inside and outside of South Dakota. Yes, believe it or not, we actually do have groups within our own state who would rejoice at the disarming of all South Dakotans. So please take the time to write, call, fax or e-mail Rep. Herseth with your concerns for passage of this bill. A sample contact letter is posted at http://www.nraila.org/media/pdfs/plcaa_law.pdf along with pertinent facts to mold your own letter around. A sample letter for the Editor of your local newspaper is posted at http://www.nraila.org/media/pdfs/plcaa_ed.pdf This is also recommended so as to enlighten readers to this patriotic cause. The firearms manufacturers who build your hunting and competitive guns are the same manufacturers who research, design, develop, and produce small arms for our military. These are the last people we need to bankrupt out of business in times like these. {If you have trouble with these links, let me know and I will be very happy to send you text versions of these letters.}

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Also, with Congress out for its "Summer District Work Period" (through September 5), Rep. Herseth will be back home in SD using this time to hold Town Hall Meetings, where she can report on what has been happening in Washington, and take questions from her constituents. Now is the time for you to personally voice your strong support for S. 397. Please call her district offices and ask if and when they plan to hold a town hall meeting in your area during the break. In addition to attending meetings and speaking out in support of our Right to Keep and Bear Arms, please forward the dates, times, and locations of any town hall meetings to your family, friends, and fellow firearm owners, and to the SD Shooting Sports Assoc. at sdssala@cs.com so we may compile this information and share it with others in your area.

We can and will achieve our mutual goal of finally enacting this common sense legislation, but only with your continued assistance. Please help us finish the job once and for all by asking Stephanie Herseth to support the "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act," and send the bill on to President Bush for his signature.

You can't blame Krylon for spray-paint graffiti.
You can't blame GM for run-down pedestrians.
You can't blame Buck for knife stabbings.
You can't blame Stanley for crowbar beatings.
But you can blame firearm-makers for criminal misuse of firearms???
What kind of pretzel logic is that!

On final point, there has been much discussion surrounding amendments to the Senate bill. These amendments do little to nothing to weaken the bill passed in the U.S. Senate. If you would like the breakdown and explanations concerning these amendments, contact me for the NRA provided explanations. I will be very happy to send them to you.

If you need more information on S-397, or a quick link to e-mail Rep. Herseth, go to <http://www.nraila.org/stoprecklesslawsuits.aspx>

As always; please forward this message to every gun owner you know. If this message was forwarded to you and you would prefer to become a member of the SDSSA Alert E-mail list, register at <http://www.sdshootingsports.org/informed.htm> and you will be added to the **largest** pro-firearms e-mail network in state of South Dakota.

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