

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

RE: HB 1396

The National Shooting Sports Foundation gives supports the passage of HB 1396. We, the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), represent over 9,000 member manufacturers, retailers, distributors, and other businesses. We are the Firearm Trade Association of America.

Illegitimate lawsuits have become popular tools used to attack the lawful commerce of arms and ammunition. Companies, through no fault of their own, have been subject to lawsuits seeking to blame manufacturers for the actions of criminals. Just as auto manufacturers are not responsible for those who disobey traffic ordinances, manufacturers of firearms and ammunition are not responsible for the use of firearms inappropriately.

We appreciate the legislature addressing this issue and encourage your support for this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nephi Cole', written in a cursive style.

Nephi Cole  
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The National Shooting Sports Foundation