



AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

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## **RATINGS ALERT**

### **S.397**

## **Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act**

The Senate will soon vote on S. 397, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act which would ensure gun manufacturers and sellers are not held liable for individuals' misuse of their product. **for Tax Reform (ATR) fully supports this legislation and urges all Senators to vote yes on this common sense issue. Given the importance of this issue, ATR may rate the vote in our annual congressional ratings.**

Currently, the U.S. firearms industry is under assault from activists and trial lawyers. Individual actions, class action claims, and city, county, and state suits have been made demanding compensation from manufacturers. While unsuccessful so far, these lawsuits have been estimated to cost the industry up to \$200 million. Without any action, many manufacturers may be forced out of business due to these crippling costs.

S. 397 would end these frivolous suits against the firearms industry. Such frivolous lawsuits impose an extra hidden level of cost on U.S. taxpayers. Tort reform bills like S. 397 should be viewed as a tax cut for Americans. Accordingly, Americans for Tax Reform urges senators to vote yes on S. 397 and may rate this vote.

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RATE THE VOTE ON S. 397**