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Firearm Industry Crime and Trafficking Accountability Act

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The Firearm Industry Crime and Trafficking Accountability Act ensures that firearm manufacturers are held accountable for the widespread criminal misuse of their products.

This bill would require that each firearm manufacturer create a monitoring system to track the crimes committed with guns they have sold, and the bill mandates that those manufacturers cease distributing weapons to a retailer when they have reason to believe that the guns sold by that retailer are being used for unlawful purposes.

The Firearm Industry Crime and Trafficking Accountability Act takes important steps to ensure that the firearm industry, like other industries in America, takes responsibility for the safety and downstream use of their products. This bill would:

- Mandate that firearms manufacturers set up a monitoring system to prevent the criminal diversion of their products, taking into account ATF gun trace data and other data;
- Prohibit firearms manufacturers from supplying a firearms retailer if the manufacturer knows that its provision of firearm products to that retailer will lead to a high risk of criminal activity or diversion;
- Requires that firearms manufacturers report to the ATF bad-actor firearm distributors that are engaging in practices that promote or allow gun trafficking, straw purchasing, background checks violations, or other illegal practices;
- Empowers the ATF to impose meaningful financial penalties on firearms manufacturers that continue to supply bad-actor distributors and to ask a court to suspend manufacturers' licenses to operate in egregious cases;

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the gun violence epidemic claimed the lives of over 45,000 Americans in 2020 and is now the leading cause of death in American children. Despite the staggering death toll, firearm manufacturers continue to disclaim any responsibility for ensuring that their products are not used in criminal activity.

An Oversight Committee investigation found that a small number of retailers account for a disproportionate number of guns used in crimes. According to the Committee's [findings](#), from

2014 to 2018 a single retailer in Georgia sold *half* of the guns that were found at crime scenes in that state.

In the Oversight Committee's [investigation](#) into firearm manufacturers, five of the largest gun manufacturers in the United States informed the Committee that they failed to track crimes committed with their products—even though each manufacturer received this data from the ATF. This bill would ensure that, just like pharmaceutical and other industries, the firearm industry takes responsibility for the downstream use of its products and ensures that its profits do not come at the expense of the safety of the American people.