

SB0488

I vehemently opposed to this bill.

This bill places the responsibility of criminal activity on the firearms industry and firearms, *themselves*, instead of where it **should** be placed: On the individual committing the crime(s).

As Senator Folden has stated before, there are more deaths in Maryland because of vehicular accidents and there are **certainly** more deaths because of tobacco use, first and secondhand. Why not go after the tobacco industry, especially since tobacco use has absolutely no upside?

Holding the manufacturers of firearms and their accessories for criminal activity is scapegoating and does not and will not address the problem of crimes that criminals commit using illegal firearms. This bill would only run more jobs and businesses out of the state and into surrounding states.

I am **100%** supportive of holding firearms manufacturers accountable **if** and **when** they create products that fail to do what they were created to do (i.e., malfunctions), but not holding them responsible for crimes that criminals commit with their products.

I ask this committee to give this bill an unfavorable review.