

BILL WOULD MAKE GUN MAKERS AND DEALERS THE ONLY INDUSTRY IMMUNE FROM LAWSUITS; BILL TO BE VOTED ON IN U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NEXT WEEK. PLEASE CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATORS DEWINE AND VOINOVICH: ASK THEM TO VOTE AGAINST HOUSE BILL 1036 AND SENATE BILL 659 (phone numbers below).

In response to the extremist gun lobby, pro-gun lawmakers are trying to strip victims of gun violence from suing gun manufacturers and dealers. They would thus be the only industry protected from lawsuits of any kind.

And they are one of only two industries not covered by consumer safety regulations. Gun makers would lose any incentive to make guns safer (like installing trigger locks) and to stop marketing practices that put guns into the hands of criminals.

This is an absolutely outrageous and unjustified assault on our legal rights as citizens of the United States. We must speak up. Please call the local offices of Senators DeWine and Voinovich to thank them for not co-sponsoring the immunity bill. They're being pressured by the gun lobby and fellow Republicans, so it's important that we express our appreciation and **URGE THEM TO VOTE AGAINST** the bill. They need to hear from our side. Just as we expected, this bill was introduced while the nation's attention was diverted by war.

It's interesting that Congress was afraid to consider the bill during the sniper attacks because they knew the public would be paying attention and there would be an outcry. Now that attention is focused on the war, they feel they can get away with this immoral legislation.

If you don't know your U.S. representative: click on <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>, put in your state and zip code and the name will come up. To get the local or Washington phone number, click on "**Representative Offices**" on the left, then click on the name of your rep. You'll then get his/her web site, which includes contact info. You can also call the House switchboard in Wash. D.C. at **202-224-3121** and ask for your representative's office.

Local numbers for Sens. DeWine and Voinovich:

Sen. DeWine: 216-522-7272

Sen. Voinovich: 216-522-7095

If you also wish to call their offices in Washington, here are the numbers:

DeWine: 202-224-2315

Voinovich: 202-224-3353

Please call! It only takes a minute. If you don't call they'll think you don't care.

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