

HB21 – Firearm industry members; creates standards of responsible conduct, civil liability (available [here](#))

- HB 21 would be a **new** law.
- **Reasonable Controls**: It would require those who sell guns to implement “reasonable procedures, safeguards, and business practices” to prevent the sale of guns to people prohibited from owning a gun, straw purchasers (those buying a gun for someone otherwise prohibited), or any person who the seller has reasonable cause to believe is at substantial risk gun violence.
- **Civil Liability**: A violation of this law would give rise to **civil** liability. In other words, any person harmed by a violation of this law, could seek civil damages against the seller or manufacturer who failed to implement the required reasonable controls.
- **Criticisms**: Opponents have criticized this bill as being “a direct attack on the firearm industry . . . designed to regulate the industry out of existence through litigation.”
 - With all due respect, that’s **bullshit**. Similar legislation has been enacted by Illinois, California, Colorado, New Jersey, and New York, just to name a few. The gun industry is still here – they’ll be fine.
- The 19-year-old who shot Adam wasn’t legally allowed to purchase a gun, and it’s not clear how he obtained one. **Legislation like this could’ve saved Adam. If passed, it will save others.**

