



# The 26-Year Assault Is Over

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After more than a quarter century of litigation against gun makers, it's over. The Indiana Supreme Court has called a definite halt to the town of Gary's long streak of legal harassment by [dismissing](#) its lawsuit in a 4-1 ruling.

Gary's petition to transfer jurisdiction of the lawsuit had been made in order to keep it alive. The court had to decide the fate of that maneuver. After stating briefly that all materials had been reviewed that needed to be reviewed and all parties heard that needed to be heard, the court announced that it "DENIES the petition to transfer," affirming the decision of an appeals court. The USACarry [story](#)

about the case links to the appeals court's lengthy decision.

Both rulings had been preceded by a state law passed in 2024 stipulating that only the state itself — basically, the attorney general — can file such a suit on behalf of cities or counties. The incumbent is uninterested in doing so.

Gary, Indiana, initiated its action against a laundry list of gun makers, distributors and dealers in August 1999. The suit accused them of culpability for crimes committed with the weapons they had brought into the marketplace. At the time, making and marketing guns was legal; still is.

So the suit was manifestly absurd from the outset.

Perhaps cities contemplating litigation against baseball bat makers and steak knife vendors will accept the lesson.

So it's finally finished. At least this particular attempt to nullify our Second Amendment rights is finally over.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.