

H.R. 6618: Americas Regional Monitoring of Arms Sales (ARMAS) Act of 2023

What would it do?

- Transfer small arms authority from Commerce Department back to the State Department.
- Develop an interagency strategy to disrupt trafficking and diversion of firearm exports
- Provide for congressional notification, review, and oversight of certain small arms exports.

Sponsors:

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Why is it important?

- Guns from the U.S. are used in murders and illegal activities in Central and South America.
- Gun trafficking is destabilizing regions.

For more information:

[Announcement from Castro’s office on the introduction of the ARMAS Act](#)

[Forum on the Arms Trade, Transfer of Arms and Ammunition \(USML Cat I-III\) to Commerce](#)

- includes a timeline and expert commentary
[AFSC letter to State & Commerce, 1/23/24](#)

Take Action:

[Mercy Action Alert](#) (with focus on violence in Haiti armed by US guns)

