

February 19, 2024

The Honorable Ann Rest
Chair, Senate Committee on Taxes
Capitol, Room 328
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Position: **Support**

Re: SF 3564 – Sales Tax Exemptions on Firearms Storage Units

Dear Chair Rest and Members of the Senate Committee on Taxes:

On behalf of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (“NSSF”), and our industry members in Minnesota, I write to express NSSF’s strong support for SF 3564 (Rest). This bill would provide a sales tax exemption for the purchase of firearms storage units.

As the trade association for America’s firearms, ammunition, hunting, and recreational shooting sports industries, the NSSF seeks to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. NSSF has a membership approximately 10,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, and sportsmen’s organizations. Our manufacturer members make the firearms used by law-abiding Minnesota sportsmen and women, the U.S. military, and law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

Members of the firearms industry have for decades advocated the safe and responsible use and storage of firearms through their product manuals, by voluntarily providing free locking devices with each new firearm they ship, and by support for safety programs like Project ChildSafe® that has distributed more than 37 million firearm safety kits, including free gun locks, all across America.

SF 3564 is a true common-sense proposal that would help encourage even more gun owners to store their guns safely and responsibly when not in use, which will in turn, help to reduce accidents that are already at historic lows.

The NSSF, on behalf of the firearms industry, believes strongly in the safe storage of firearms and this bill would help remove a small barrier to ensuring firearms are safely stored when not in use by the owner. It is for these reasons the NSSF thanks you for authoring this legislation and strongly supports the passage of SF 3564.

Sincerely,



Christopher Lee