

January 29, 2025

The Honorable Ron Latz
The Honorable Warren Limmer
Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee
Minnesota Senate Building.
St. Paul, MN 55155

Position: Support

Re: SF 11 – Sales tax exemption extended to firearm safety devices

Dear Chair Latz, Chair Limmer and committee members:

On behalf of the National Shooting Sports Foundation ("NSSF"), and our industry members in Minnesota, I write to express NSSF's support for SF 11 (Rest). This bill would extend the sales tax exemption for firearm storage devices currently in statute to include the purchase of firearms safety devices as defined in United States Code, title 18, section 921, subsection (a), paragraph (34).

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 of 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, across America.

SF 11 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 in the safe storage of firearms. This bill would help remove a small barrier to ensuring firearms are safely stored when not in use by the owner. The NSSF thanks you for authoring this legislation and strongly supports the passage of SF 11.

Sincerely,



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The National Shooting Sports Foundation