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Re: NSSF Support for HB 2501; Providing for immunity from civil liability to federal firearms licensees for returning a firearm to the firearm owner at the termination of a firearm hold agreement.

Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the firearm industry trade association, I am writing to express support for HB 2501.

House Bill 2501 aims to protect federal firearms licensees (FFLs) from liability whenever an FFL voluntarily chooses to provide the service of temporarily holding firearms for an individual according to the terms of a firearm hold agreement.

As the trade association for America's firearms, ammunition, hunting, and recreational shooting sports industry, NSSF seeks to promote, protect, and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. We represent more than 10,000 members which include federally licensed manufacturers, wholesale distributors and retailers of firearms, ammunition and related goods and accessories, as well as public and private shooting ranges, sportsmen's clubs, and endemic media, including many businesses across Kansas.

For more than 50 years, NSSF has encouraged gun owners to safely handle and securely store firearms, and over the last few decades, we have provided valuable resources and free firearm safety kits, including cable-style gun locks through the Project ChildSafe® program, to help prevent firearms accidents, thefts and misuse, including suicide. We have consistently held that promoting real firearm safety and making education programs more widespread are key to preventing accidents.

Some firearm retailers would like to provide the service of offering temporary storage of firearms for their customers. HB 2501 allows FFLs to voluntarily choose whether to offer this service and provides civil liability protection for those that choose to do so.

NSSF and our members are proud to have contributed to declines in firearms accidents and remain committed to further reducing incidents caused by both unauthorized access to firearms and unsafe and illegal uses of firearms.

It is for these reasons, the National Shooting Sports Foundation is here today in support of HB 2501.

Sincerely,
Moriah Day