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Re: NSSF Support for SB 74; Tax Credit for Firearm Storage Devices

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 SB 74.

Senate Bill 74 would create a refundable tax credit for the purchase of locking firearm and ammunition storage devices.

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. While we oppose mandatory storage requirements for law-abiding firearm owners, recognizing that each person's living situation is different, we have consistently held that promoting true firearm safety and education programs is key to preventing accidents.

SB 74 would create an incentive for law-abiding Kansans to purchase firearm safety devices by allowing a credit for 25% of the cost incurred by an individual purchasing locking firearm or ammunition storage devices, with a maximum of \$250. In doing so, a small barrier would be removed to one acquiring safe storage devices. The last thing members of the firearm industry want to see or hear about is their products being misused. Certainly, we can all come together to support a tax credit for the purchase of firearm safety devices.

NSSF and our members are proud to have contributed to declines in firearms accidents and remain committed to further reducing incidents of unauthorized access to firearms.

It is for these reasons, the National Shooting Sports Foundation is proud to support SB 74, and we would respectfully request your support for this bill.

Sincerely, Moriah Day