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Senate Finance Committee  
Michigan Senate  
P.O. Box 30036  
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### Re: Senate Bill 364 & Senate Bill 365 - Support

Dear Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

On behalf of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, and our more than 100 industry members in Michigan, I write to you today to express support for Senate Bill 364 and Senate Bill 365. Sponsored by Senator Tonya Schuitmaker, SB 364 and SB 365 would exempt "firearm safety devices," which includes safes, lock boxes, trigger and barrel locks, and other items designed to enhance home firearm safety, from the state's sales and use tax.

As the trade association for America's firearms, ammunition, hunting, and recreational shooting sports industry, the National Shooting Sports Foundation ("NSSF") seeks to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. NSSF has a membership of nearly 13,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, and sportsmen's organizations. Our manufacturer members make the firearms used by law-abiding Michigan sportsmen, 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 over 35 million firearm safety kits including a free gun locks all across America. SB 364 and SB 365 are true common sense proposals that would help encourage even more gun owners to safely and responsibly store their guns 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 these bills would remove a small barrier to ensuring firearms are safely stored when not in use by the owner. It is for these reasons the NSSF strongly supports Senator Schuitmaker's Senate Bill 364 and Senate Bill 365.

Sincerely,

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