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Chair Moller and Members of the Minnesota Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee:

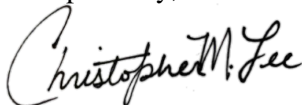
My name is Christopher Lee and I write to testify on behalf of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. in opposition to House File 14. NSSF is the firearm industry trade association. As the firearm industry trade association, our membership includes nearly 10,000 member companies across the country. According to the most recent available data, our industry employs over 11,500 Minnesotans and in 2021, had an economic impact of over \$2.7 billion on the state.

NSSF opposes House File 14, the universal background check bill, because it is impossible to enforce without a national registration of all firearms and private party transfers. There is no national registration of firearms and NSSF would strongly oppose any such scheme.

NSSF has worked for years to keep firearms out of the hands of those that are prohibited from possessing them. We have supported FixNICS legislation in states across the country, to ensure that states submit all appropriate records into the NICS background check system. We have supported the FFL Protection Act, which would implement mandatory minimum sentences for criminals that steal firearms from FFLs.

Too many laws that are already in place simply are not being enforced and criminals are not being prosecuted. HF 14 would only burden law-abiding gun owners. It would be ignored by those intent on doing harm because it is unenforceable. For that reason, NSSF opposes House File 14.

Respectfully,



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