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RE: SB 2344

The National Shooting Sports Foundation supports the passage of SB 2344. We, the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), represent over 9,000 member manufacturers, retailers, distributors, and other businesses. We are the Firearm Trade Association of America.

2020 was unprecedented in terms of challenges to our country and to many basic civil liberties. Early in the pandemic, we worked to ensure that there was recognition at the state and national level that the firearms and ammunition supply chain was essential for National, community, and individual security. As a result, citizens in 45 of 50 states were able to exercise their rights to purchase, keep and bear arms.

Unfortunately, 5 States ignored federal recommendation and our outreach. Further, it is likely that under the new administration we would not have had the support of federal guidance in our efforts to keep these essential businesses open.

The right to defense of life and property does not go away during an emergency. If anything, it becomes more paramount. Thank you for considering this bill that rightly protects individual's rights and the critical infrastructure they need to exercise them. Sincerely,



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