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I stand opposed to this legislation as the addition of an excise tax will ultimately be passed along to the consumer. This bill is intended to discourage law abiding citizens from purchasing firearms and accessories, but this would have a detrimental impact on safety.

Legal firearms owners make financial decisions of how many times they visit the range to practice their firearms skills. While many in law enforcement only practice their firearms skills when mandated (once per year), those outside of law enforcement may visit the range as seldom as twice a month, every month. Increasing the costs of firearms and accessories on the front end would make it financially harder for non-law enforcement firearms owners to put in the necessary skills practice to remain proficient.

I ask that this bill receives an unfavorable review.