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Minnesota Moms Demand Action Volunteers Support HF55 authored by Representative Ruth Richardson, to provide ongoing funding to the Office of Missing and Murdered Black Women and Girls.

This office would be dedicated to preventing and ending the targeting of violence against Black Women and Girls, building accountability, leveraging responsibility and helping facilitate services and resources toward that end.

The funding and operation of an Office of Missing and Murdered Black Women and Girls in Minnesota, can serve as a model for other states and the nation in addressing a systemic problem.

As a gun violence prevention organization, we know that gun violence disproportionately impacts communities of color, in Minnesota, Black people are 14x more likely to die by gun homicide than white people, a disparity higher than the national one. And further we know Black women in Minnesota are almost 3 times as likely to be killed than their white peers. Black women account for only 7% of the population of Minnesota, but make up 40% of domestic violence victims.

We fully support Representative Richardson's bill, HF55 and the important and overdue work of bringing to light inequities in violence prevention and victim and family resources, along with concrete, data-driven solutions as it pertains to Black women and girls.