



March 28, 2023
House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee

Dear Chair Moller and Committee Members,

On behalf of Children's Minnesota, I am writing to offer comments on HF2890, the Public Safety Omnibus Bill. Children's Minnesota is the state's largest pediatric health care system, serving patients from all 87 counties and 60 percent of counties in surrounding states.

In 2020, for the first time, firearm-related injury became the number one cause of death for children and teens in the United States. Children are shot at home, at school, in their neighborhoods. The following provisions included in this bill align with policies that the American Academy of Pediatrics has long been advocating will make important strides in protecting Minnesota children from gun violence:

- Expanding firearm eligibility background checks for firearm sales and transfers
- Keeping firearms out of the hands of people who are at a risk to themselves or others (extreme risk protection orders)

In addition to the provisions above I also want to express Children's Minnesota's support for increased investments in community violence prevention and intervention programs. These investments are critical to improving community safety.

At Children's Minnesota, our vision is to be every family's essential partner in raising healthier children. As the kid experts in our community, it is our goal to improve the health and wellbeing of kids in our state. We appreciate the steps this bill takes to protect children from gun violence and invest in solutions that will keep our communities safe.

Sincerely,

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