



# MINNESOTA DEER HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

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To: Members of the Judiciary and Public Safety Conference Committee

Re: Minnesota Deer Hunters Association position on certain provisions in Omnibus Bill SF 2909

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Thank you all for serving on this critically important committee. Management of Minnesota's environment and natural resources is an immense responsibility, and we want to ensure you have the position of the MDHA on certain provisions before you in SF 2909.

## **1. Opposed provisions in SF 2909**

*a. Extreme Risk Protection Orders (House Only Provision)*

*b. Expanded Background Checks for Private Transfers of Firearms (House Only Provision)*

The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association is an organization comprised of members who are responsible firearm owners and individuals passionate about hunting, outdoor recreation, and firearm safety education. We do however have serious concern with the above referenced provisions contained in the House Omnibus Public Safety Bill.

Whether hunting, recreationally shooting, protecting self/persons, or storage of firearms and ammunition – responsible gun ownership and firearms safety remains of the utmost importance. The proposed legislation is a complete overreach of government authority that violates an individual's constitutional rights.

The formal position of our organization on these and similar provisions is: "MDHA opposes any advancement in gun legislation which infringes upon an individual's constitutional right to keep and bear arms."