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RE: Support for Minnesota House File 14: Requiring criminal background checks for firearm transfer

Dear Representative Carlos Mariani:

On behalf of the March for Our Lives, a courageous youth-led movement dedicated to promoting civic engagement, education, and direct action by youth to eliminate the epidemic of gun violence, I write this letter to register our support for HF 14. This measure would require any person who wishes to obtain a transferee permit to receive a criminal background check.

While federal law requires licensed gun dealers to conduct background checks on all gun sales, this does not include private individuals who make gun sales. This bill would require individuals selling firearms to be held to the same standards as gun dealers; making it more difficult for those who wish to harm others to purchase a gun.

As we see more and more lives lost due to gun violence, this bill closes the loophole in federal legislation that allows guns into the hands of with an elevated risk of bringing harm to others in their communities.

For these reasons, we are proud to express support for HF 14 and urge the passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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