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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to advocate for the passage of four firearm safety bills:

HF 396 (Becker-Finn) Safe storage of firearms and ammunition required, locking device required to be included in each firearm transfer, and criminal penalties imposed.

HF 14 (Pinto) Criminal background checks required for firearm transfers, and grounds modified for disqualification of transferee permit.

HF 15 (Frazier) Law enforcement and family members enabled to petition a court to prohibit people from possessing firearms if they pose a significant danger to themselves or others by possessing a firearm, and money appropriated.

HF 601 (Her) Lost and stolen firearms required to be reported promptly to law enforcement. Because the causes of gun violence are many (e.g., accidents, domestic violence, self-harm, planned mass shootings, shootings during the commission of other crimes) multiple approaches to the promotion of gun safety are required.

The level of violence in the United States is many times that of comparator countries. It should not be tolerated. It is with this in mind that I endorse the four bills listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas E. Kottke MD". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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