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State Government Finance and Policy  
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Dear Chair Nash and Chair Klevorn:

I am writing to you regarding House File 3357 (HF 3357) and the National Rifle Association's (NRA) position on this piece of legislation. I would like to express our strong opposition to HF 3357.

HF 3357 purports to essentially ban firearms in the Capitol complex with a narrow exception for permit holders in the courthouse complex. HF 3357 also seeks to minimize the effect of a carry permit by removing its ability to be considered automatic notice to the sheriff.

HF 3357 essentially makes the Capitol complex a soft target for those who would seek to do attendees harm. Time and time again, we see so called "gun free zones" not working to keep people safe. HF 3357 disarms permit holders when there have been zero incidences from permit holders on the Capitol complex.

For decades, law-abiding citizens have had the right to carry in the Capitol complex. There has not been a problem or any issue in the Capitol complex proponents of the bill can point to for needing HF 3357. It truly is a solution looking for a problem.

For these reasons, and several others, the NRA opposes the passage of HF 3357. Let's not give one more advantage to violent criminals and take away law-abiding Minnesotans fighting chance when they are forced to defend themselves and their loved ones.

Sincerely,

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Minnesota State Director