



Thursday, March 5th, 2026

Minnesota House of Representatives State Government Finance and Policy Committee

Co-Chair Klevorn, Co-Chair Nash, and members of the House State Government Finance and Policy Committee,

I write today on behalf of GIFFORDS in strong support of HF3357, a bill to ban dangerous weapons here at the Minnesota State Capitol. GIFFORDS is a leader in the movement to end gun violence in America. Led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, our team brings decades of political, legal, and policy expertise to the fight for gun safety.

Citizens, public employees, lawmakers, and their staff should be able to walk through Minnesota's capitol complex and engage in the democratic process without the fear of gun violence. In an era where political violence is on the rise, threats against lawmakers are routine, and armed protests are becoming more common, it is critical that lawmakers take the important step of banning dangerous weapons from our democratic institutions.

Minnesota has seen its share of tragedy in the last year alone. Passing proactive pieces of legislation like HF3357 could help in preventing the next one.

Combatting the scourge of gun violence in Minnesota and across the United States will take cooperation and a multi-faceted approach. We are confident that passing this bill into law will save lives, and we urge this committee to support this critical piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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