



March 8, 2026

Dear Co-Chairs Moller, Novotny, and members of the committee:

On behalf of Violence-Free Minnesota, the statewide coalition of over 90 member programs working to end relationship abuse, we are writing to express our strong support of H.F. 3350, authored by Representative Pinto. This legislation is an important step in protecting survivors of domestic violence and promoting safety by ensuring that individuals who have harmed those closest to them, either with or without physical violence or the threat of a firearm, are permanently prohibited from possessing these weapons.

Violence Free Minnesota has tracked domestic violence homicides in our state for over 35 years. History shows us that the presence of a firearm in domestic violence cases dramatically increases the chances of serious injury or death. Nearly every year in Minnesota, firearms are overwhelmingly the most common means of intimate partner homicide. In 2024, a staggering 75% (18 victims) of the total 24 known victims were killed with a firearm. For those who have experienced violence, this fear is not hypothetical; it is in their everyday life and shapes decisions and their ability to feel safe. H.F. 3350 addresses the reality that survivors face by removing access to firearms from those who have a record of violent behavior, directly reducing the risk of future harm.

Too often, survivors lose their lives because the very individuals who harmed them retain access to firearms. Survivors should not have to live with the fear and danger of knowing that their abuser still has a gun. While Minnesota has made important improvements recently, Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) are not always enough to protect individuals when abusers regain access to firearms after conviction. This legislation strengthens these existing tools with trauma-informed protections that are proven to reduce risk and save lives.

Thank you for your commitment to supporting survivors,
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