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RE: HF 3672 / SF 3583

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I just learned of HF 3672 (SF 3583). This bill is discriminatory at heart, and I'll give you an example.

I attended a townhall meeting several years ago hosted by several County Board members, including the member representing my district. I was one of few men, the only clearly mixed-race Black person and most likely the only gun owner in the meeting. I did NOT feel welcome.

Things went as expected until it came to gun control and gun owners. The board member shouted, hitting the table for emphasis making clear her allegiance with the half-dozen or so Moms Demand women in attendance, identifiable by their red Moms Demand Action shirts.

My district board member talked disparagingly of gun owners -to applause from the Moms Demand Action women- with such intensity that I had serious concerns what she would do when I chose to challenge her on the content and tone of her talk. The vitriol she displayed during her very short talk was reminiscent of televised hate rallies and hate talk from a co-worker on one of the jobs I held.

I challenged the board member on her framing gun ownership as a type of deviant, criminal act, as I have challenged you, your predecessor and Sen. John Marty. I've had permits to carry for over a decade. I've interfaced with the Roseville Police Department, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office, the BCA, the local office of the FBI and several attorneys with trial experience. They all know who I am and they all know I exercise my 2nd Amendment rights LEGALLY in accordance with current State and Federal laws.

It bothers me greatly that someone who demonstrated such negativity to those exercising inalienable rights, even after being vetted by multiple law enforcement agencies, could opt to bring the weight of government down on me simply because of her animosity and indignation at the exercise of basic rights, NOT because this will in any way enhance public safety. HF 3672 (SF 3583) violates the Equal Protection aspects of the US Constitution, particularly the 5th and 14th Amendments. It is highly reminiscent of racial covenants in real estate transactions. Different localities did different things. And it created major problems in time. I see little difference with HF 3672 (SF 3583) in how things will work out.

HF 3672 (SF 3583) is yet another bill like "Universal Background Checks" and "Red Flag Law" which the bills' author admitted in hearings last year would NOT stop violent street crimes and criminals. We have all seen this turn out to be the case ad nauseum.

Vote against HF 3672 (SF 3583).

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