



Tuesday, March 24th, 2026

Minnesota House of Representatives Judiciary Committee

Chair Scott and members of the House Public Safety Committee,

I write today on behalf of GIFFORDS in support of HF4075, a bill that we believe will help save lives by keeping firearms out of the hands of abusers. 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.

We are supportive of as much of a comprehensive approach as possible to preventing firearm tragedies in instances of domestic violence, and we believe this bill will help address this complex issue in some way. Gun safety laws like these bills can save lives by restricting access to firearms by people with demonstrated history of domestic violence and abuse. In fact, according to the American Journal of Epidemiology, states that restrict access to guns by people subject to active domestic violence restraining orders have seen a 13% reduction in intimate partner homicides involving firearms. These laws can have even more far-reaching consequences as well—research has shown that over one third of mass shooters have a history of domestic violence. Ensuring these individuals do not have access to firearms can help to reduce the frequency and impact of these tragedies.

Combatting the scourge of gun violence in Minnesota and across the United States will take cooperation and a multi-faceted approach. We encourage lawmakers to continue to work together to see this bill become law. We are confident that passing these bills will save lives, and we urge this committee to support these critical pieces of legislation.

Sincerely,

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