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1064 Cleveland Ave. S.
St. Paul, MN 55116

Dear Ms. McDaniel,

I am a retired Family Physician in St. Paul and practiced full spectrum Family Medicine in the Twin Cities for 4 decades. Over the years I cared for thousands of children, youth, adults and seniors, many of whom experienced the adverse consequences of gun violence.

I urge the MN House of Representatives Public Safety Committee to support and pass HF 396, HF 14, HF 15 and HF 601 as "common sense" gun laws. It is simply reprehensible that the number 1 cause of death in children across this nation is due to gun violence.

I am deeply concerned about not only children and adults at risk of injury, or death from gun violence, but also those who become secondary victims, after witnessing these traumatic firearm related events. The mental health sequelae for them are severe.

Please add my name to the list of others who endorse legislation that is consistent with these 4 house files. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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