

To: Minnesota House of Representatives  
Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee  
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As a family physician based at Broadway Family Medicine in the North Memorial Health System, I have experienced first-hand the devastation that firearms wreak on my patients and our community. Suicide, domestic violence, accidents, and intentional homicide combine to create a public health menace of ever-growing and almost overwhelming proportions. Taken together, HF 396, 14, 15, and 601 represent a package of common-sense gun safety regulations that begin to address these issues. We have for too long been lobbying for "red flag" laws and universal criminal background checks without progress.

Research shows that states with stronger gun safety laws have fewer firearms-related injuries and deaths. No more excuses! It's time for the Minnesota legislature to take action.

Thank you.

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