



Thursday, February 2, 2023

RE: Support for Minnesota House File 396: safe storage for firearms

Dear Representative Carlos Marian:

On behalf of the March for Our Lives, a courageous youth-led movement dedicated to promoting civic engagement, education, and direct action by youth to eliminate the epidemic of gun violence, I write this letter to register our support for HF 396. This measure would require any gun owner to store their firearm(s) and ammunition safely and for locking devices to be included in each firearm sale.

. Many studies have shown the effects of improperly storing guns. A study by Harvard and Northwestern Universities in 2017 showed that gun owners who did not secure their guns were more than twice as likely to have their guns stolen and used in violent crimes. An increasing number of school shootings have involved unsecured guns from their homes. Gun owners must do their part and realize the impact of improperly stored firearms.

As we see more and more lives lost due to the irresponsibility of gun owners, this bill requires that they are proactive in keeping their communities and families safe from their firearms.

For these reasons, we are proud to express support for HF 396 and urge the passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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