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Dear Chairman Moller:

I am writing to you regarding House File 14 (HF 14) and the National Rifle Association's (NRA) position on this piece of legislation. I would like to express our strong opposition to HF 14.

The NRA has a number of concerns regarding some of the policies set forth in the bill. The NRA believes that no one should have unreasonable burdens placed on them to own or possess a firearm.

HF 14 sets up new ways law enforcement can deny a transferee permit. It essentially attempts to incorporate a "red flag" standard into a denial of a transferee permit based on what a law enforcement agent perceives an individual's risk is to themselves or others without due process. Even worse is that the denial can potentially be indefinite.

HF 14 makes it difficult to loan a firearm to many types of relatives and friends. Minnesota has a strong tradition of hunting and it is common to introduce people into the sport by loaning firearms for hunting purposes. HF14 requires an onerous process before one could loan such a firearm for that purpose.

HF 14 adds a requirement for recording serial numbers and other firearms identification information upon each transfer. This sets up a form of government firearm registration. Additionally it sets up unreasonable requirements for retention of paperwork and unreasonable criminal penalties for violations.

For these reasons, and several others, the NRA is opposed to the passage of HB 14.

Sincerely,

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