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Written Testimony of Craig Burris on House File 13 - Duty to Retreat Elimination

Chair Novotny & Members of the Committee,

My name is Craig Burris and I live in Lakeville, MN with my wife and two daughters. I urge you to support HF13 as the recent Minnesota Supreme Court ruling leaves law-abiding Minnesotans at a great disadvantage when being threatened by criminals.

To lawfully use force in self-defense, a Minnesotan must consider the statute and over 10 court cases. In this potentially life or death situation, if we get this complex legal framework wrong, we are likely to face prosecution and imprisonment.

HF13 makes a common-sense change to the statute to simply say that you do not have to try and retreat before threatening force.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig Burris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig Burris