

**Formal Testimony Opposing MN HF3357**

**March 4, 2026**

**State Government Finance and Policy Committee**

Rep. Ben Davis, Committee Co-Vice Chair

**RE: Formal Testimony in Opposition to HF3357**

Dear Chairs Nash and Klevorn, and Vice Chairs Bahner and Davis,

My name is Michael Babcock, and as a resident of Minnesota – zip code 55106, I am writing to submit my formal testimony in strong opposition to HF3357, which seeks to prohibit the possession of “dangerous weapons” within the Capitol complex.

This legislation would unnecessarily restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens who have already gone through the state permitting process to carry a firearm. The individuals who hold these permits have demonstrated a commitment to following the law, passing background checks, and undergoing required training. Penalizing this demographic does not address the root causes of violence or effectively secure public spaces.

As a constituent, I expect our state policies to balance security with fundamental individual rights. HF3357 fails to strike that balance. Instead, it creates broad prohibitions that primarily disarms those who already follow the rules, leaving them vulnerable while doing little to deter individuals with criminal intent who ignore the law regardless.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to vote NO on HF3357. I appreciate your time, your service to our state, and your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Michael Babcock

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