

Testimony from Brad and Brenda Finseth

Parents of Adam Finseth – Firefighter/Paramedic of Burnsville

Dear Congresswoman Berg,

We are writing as Minnesota residents and as the parents of Adam Finseth, who was tragically killed in the line of duty rendering aid to Burnsville Police Officers, Matt and Paul, whom also were murdered on February 18, 2024. Adam served his country, his community, and his family with honor. His loss is something we carry every day, and it is why we feel compelled to speak on this issue.

We support the House bill HF 4359 on addressing straw purchases and binary trigger devices. Adam, Matt, and Paul would be alive today if this law was past prior to this tragic event and as parents, we struggle with the same question, “why”.

We support strong enforcement against illegal straw purchasing of firearms. Ensuring that individuals who knowingly provide firearms to ineligible persons face serious consequences is an important step toward public safety and accountability.

Our son, Adam, survived two tours in Iraq while serving the Army for 7 years and we never suspected that our Adam would be murdered on the streets of Burnsville by a felon that was prohibited to have a fire arm, much less a binary trigger, firing over 125 rounds of lethal ammunition. These weapons are for military personal not for our safe streets of Minnesota.

Thank you for your time and for your service to the people of Minnesota. I appreciate your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,
Brad and Brenda Finseth
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