



Minnesota State Legislature

House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee

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St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for HF 3658 – Strengthening and Streamlining Minnesota’s ERPO Law

Dear Chair Moller and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Everytown for Gun Safety, I am writing to express our strong support for HF 3658. This bill, sponsored by Representative Frazier, provides critical technical and procedural updates to Minnesota’s Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) law, ensuring it remains a functional and lifesaving tool for our communities.

HF 3658 focuses on streamlining implementation to close gaps identified since the original law’s passage. Key improvements include:

- **Expanded Eligibility:** Broadens the definition of "family or household members" to include blood relatives and former co-habitants—aligning ERPO eligibility with eligibility for the state’s existing order of protection process to ensure those closest to a crisis can intervene. Additionally, individuals in crisis will be able to petition on their own behalf.
- **Operational Efficiency:** Clarifies that law enforcement agencies and offices (rather than individuals) can petition, streamlining the administrative process.
- **Emergency Access:** Mandates that courts hear emergency petitions brought by law enforcement, ensuring that jurisdictional or "after-hours" hurdles do not prevent immediate intervention during a crisis.



- **Improved Coordination:** Establishes clear protocols for firearm surrender, jurisdictional responsibility (including coordination with Tribal police), and the disposal of abandoned firearms.
- **Strengthened Due Process:** Provides immunity from prosecution for respondents who voluntarily relinquish firearms before a search warrant is executed and clarifies evidentiary standards.

By allowing individuals to petition on their own behalf and ensuring mental health professionals can communicate threats to the correct local authorities, this bill takes a proactive, common-sense approach to preventing firearm-related harm.

Everytown for Gun Safety urges the Committee to move HF 3658 forward. These refinements will save lives by making Minnesota's red flag law more accessible, transparent, and effective.

Sincerely,

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