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Dear Chair Moller:

I am writing to you regarding House Files 2828 (HF 2828) and 3672 (HF 3672) and the National Rifle Association's (NRA) position on these pieces of legislation. I would like to express our strong opposition to HF 2828 and HF 3672.

The NRA has a number of concerns regarding some of the policies set forth in these bills. The NRA believes that law abiding gun owners should not have their constitutional right of self-defense impeded by gun free zones and disparate firearm laws across Minnesota.

Wherever Minnesotans reside, they rightfully expect certain rules to be the same for consistency and uniformity purposes. For example, currently when it comes to "Rules of the Road" and "Firearm Regulation", the state legislature is the sole determiner of what those laws will be. Wherever Minnesotans live and travel they deserve and expect their firearm laws to be the same. They should not have to consult a lengthy chart of differing gun laws depending on what city or county they are visiting or traveling through.

Not only would there be a patchwork of inconsistent gun laws across Minnesota, but we could also expect some local jurisdictions to impose unconstitutional firearm restrictions. Two recent examples would be the District of Columbia's and Chicago's since-overturned handgun bans. It also creates confusion when laws vary widely within a state, potentially placing otherwise law-abiding citizens at risk of violating an ordinance of which they were not previously aware, as they travel within Minnesota.

For these reasons and several others, the NRA is opposed to the passage of HF 2828 and HF 3672.

Sincerely,

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