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Dear Co-Chairs Moller, Novotny, and members of the committee,

On behalf of Violence Free Minnesota, we are writing to express our strong support for H.F. 3658. Violence Free Minnesota is a coalition of over 90 member programs that provide services to victims of domestic and sexual violence in all corners of the state. Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) are an important tool for preventing gun violence and protecting victims, families, and communities. This bill strengthens Minnesota's existing ERPO framework and helps ensure the law works as intended.

Firearms are a leading factor in the lethality of domestic violence and other interpersonal violence. When someone poses a threat to themselves or others, temporarily limiting access to firearms can save lives and reduce harm. These changes make responding to credible risks quicker and more coordinated.

For advocates and survivors across Minnesota, prevention matters. Every policy that helps interrupt potential violence before it occurs is a critical step toward safer homes and communities. Strengthening ERPO laws helps ensure that when warning signs appear, there is a clear pathway to act.

This bill makes welcome changes to the ERPO system, making it easier for survivors to utilize, and clarifying the duties of law enforcement and other agencies around enforcement. Violence Free Minnesota urges the committee to support H.F. 3658 and continue strengthening the tools that help prevent gun violence and protect Minnesotans.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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