



Thursday, February 2, 2023

RE: Support for Minnesota House File 15

Dear Representative Carlos Mariani:

On behalf of the March for Our Lives, a courageous youth-led movement dedicated to promoting civic engagement, education, and direct action by youth to eliminate the epidemic of gun violence, I write this letter to register our support for HF 15. This legislation would allow law enforcement and family members to petition a court to prohibit people from possessing firearms if someone threatens themselves or others.

Under current federal law, there are certain categories that if a person were to fall under it would prohibit them from obtaining a firearm; however, a person who is displaying warning signs of suicide or engaging in a violent act is not prohibited and can still be able to purchase and possess firearms. This legislation would allow a loved one or law enforcement to intervene and petition the courts to temporarily remove firearms so the person in a crisis can access the help they need.

Currently, 19 states across the country have enacted extreme risk laws, and studies have shown that they have proven to work in preventing suicide. Indiana's extreme risk protection law showed [a 7.5% reduction in gun suicides, and another study indicated that one suicide was prevented for every 10-20 orders filed.](#)

For these reasons, we are proud to express support for HF 15 and urge the passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,
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