

To: Members of the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee
From: Adam Sonnenfeld, Edina
Re: In Support of HF 4300 and HF 601
Date: 2/28/2024

Dear Chairs and Distinguished Members of the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee,

I am a resident of Edina, Minnesota and I am writing to urge you to support HF 4300 and HF 601. These are common sense bills that will save lives and close glaring gaps in our state's gun safety legislation at a time when gun violence is rising at an alarming rate both state and nationwide.

HF 4300 requires safe storage of firearms in the home. As a parent of three young children, I know how curious kids are and that it is all too easy for children to access improperly stored firearms. I recently moved from Connecticut where a teenager accessed their father's improperly stored gun resulting in the death of another teen. This tragedy resulted in the passing of Ethan's Law, a safe storage bill. The bill received enthusiastic bipartisan support because legislators recognized that adults are responsible for making sure their guns cannot get into the hands of children. Furthermore, the majority of guns used in crimes are stolen. Requiring safe storage would make it more challenging for criminals to obtain firearms.

Finally, HF 601 requires the prompt notification of stolen or missing firearms. This is a commonsense measure to help law enforcement solve crimes and to prevent straw purchases of firearms and hold offenders accountable.

Together, these bills will go a long way in modernizing Minnesota's gun violence prevention legislation. I urge you to support them all and do your part in making Minnesota a safer community for all.

Sincerely,

Adam Sonnenfeld, Edina