

I am writing in support of HF3672, a proposal to repeal the state preemption regarding firearm legislation.

Statewide preemption for firearm legislation should be repealed because it prevents local governments from crafting gun violence prevention measures that are specific to their communities. Local governing bodies know the needs of their communities best and live with the consequences of poor gun safety ordinances. Repeal would give them a chance to create effective local gun safety laws. Gun violence prevention looks very different in a small northern Minnesota town and the densely populated urban core. One size does not fit all.

As a reminder, guns are the leading cause of death among American children and teens, 3/4 of school shooters brought their guns from home and Minnesota has a higher rate of gun suicide than other states.