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Women's Foundation of Minnesota Supports HF 4075

Chair Scott and members of the Minnesota House Judiciary Committee,

As the President & CEO of the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, I am writing to express our support for HF 4075, a comprehensive bill that comes out of the Task Force on Domestic Violence & Firearm Surrender.

We know from our 2026 Status of Women & Girls in Minnesota report that one in three Minnesota women report some form of sexual violence, and one in five Minnesota women report physical violence from an intimate partner at some point in their lifetime. Due to a pervasive reluctance of reporting, these figures are likely just the tip of the iceberg. Nationally, in 2022, just 54% of all domestic violence victimizations were reported to police, and just 21% of sexual assaults.

We support this bill because we strongly believe it will contribute to keeping firearms out of the hands of abusers. From our Status of Women & Girls research we know that in 2023 alone, 26 women were killed by a current or former intimate partner in Minnesota. Fifteen of these deaths were carried out with firearms. It is clear that an abuser's access to firearms could mean life or death for any victim in an abusive relationship. According to the Journal of Public Health, if an abusive partner has access to a firearm, it significantly increases the danger to domestic violence victims, making it five times more likely that a woman will be killed.

We are pleased to see lawmakers continuing to collaborate and work together to find solutions to this increasingly dangerous problem. We remain committed to seeing a comprehensive package of legislation to combat this issue. We look forward to continuing to work with bill authors and stakeholders to advocate for legislation that we believe will save lives.

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