

To: Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Re: House File 15

Dear Members of the Minnesota House Public Safety Committee,

The reason I am writing you today is in opposition to the proposed bill House File 15 termed Red Flag Law proposal.

As written this bill provides no due process and encourages unconstitutional abridgements of Minnesotans civil rights against improper search and seizures.

You have claimed that this bill will increase public safety. But public safety cannot come from the trampling of civil rights. At a time when members of the DFL claim to care deeply about policing reform you are trusting the very same police to carry out ex parte searches. It is clear that you have not considered the reality that these actions will increase the risk of unjust police killings and violence. We have only to look at the killing of Amir Locke in 2022 to see this reality.

In addition to this, your current language allows for accusations without representation or the right to hear from accusers in a court of law. It creates a judicial taking of constitutionally enumerated civil rights for years and even goes so far as to *charge* the accused taxes and fees. Fear of lawful gun ownership is not a rational justification for trampling on our civil rights.

House File 15 as written is an affront to civil rights. It is unjust and outrageous. I urge you to vote no.

Signed,

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Citizen, Minnesota