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House Public Safety Finance and Policy
2nd Floor Centennial Office Building
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Dear Chair Novotny:

I am writing to you regarding House File 13 (HF 13) and the National Rifle Association's (NRA) position on this piece of legislation. I would like to express our strong support to HF 13.

HF 13 would remove a person's "duty to retreat" from an attacker, allowing law-abiding citizens to stand their ground and protect themselves or their family anywhere they have a legal right to be. In the face of an unlawful attack, law-abiding citizens should not be forced to retreat or run from a place they have a right to be.

It is unreasonable that victims of crime should have to worry about being arrested or prosecuted if they are required to use force to defend themselves or their family. Any victim should be able to presume that an unlawful attacker or forcible intruder is there for the purpose of doing harm.

For these reasons, and several others, the NRA supports the passage of HF 13. Let's take one more advantage away from violent criminals and give law-abiding Minnesotans a fighting chance when they are forced to defend themselves and their loved ones.

Sincerely,

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Minnesota State Director