

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

I am a resident of Northfield MN and I urge you to support HF4300 and HF601. There are far too many deaths of innocent children and others due to the lack of properly stored weapons and ammunition. Think of child suicide, school shootings, children playing with guns, not comprehending that this will end their lives or that of a dear sibling or friend. Severe psychic trauma in children affects them lifelong, and that has an impact on us all-even more so if we know we can prevent this from happening and choose to do nothing about it.

And, there are background checks for a reason. Straw purchases allow guns to land in the hands of those who by law should not be in possession of them.

These new laws will create, for those who choose to be irresponsible and/or criminal an incentive to do the right thing. I urge you to support these common sense laws.

Sincerely,

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