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House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee
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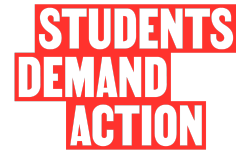
RE: Support for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Dear Chair Moller and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Everytown for Gun Safety, I am writing to express our firm support for the gun violence prevention measures contained within The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget. This package addresses the root causes of firearm violence through a combination of community investment, industry accountability, and common-sense safety standards.

We are particularly encouraged by the following provisions:

- **Investment in Awareness and Education:** The \$500,000 appropriation for Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) public awareness is a critical implementation step to ensure Minnesotans know how to use this life-saving tool before a crisis turns into a tragedy.
- **Trauma-Informed School Safety:** We support the \$4.5 million investment in school safety and crisis response. We strongly urge the Committee to ensure these initiatives are trauma-informed, protecting students' physical safety without compromising their mental and emotional well-being.
- **Strengthened Secure Storage:** Transitioning to requiring firearms be securely stored anytime the firearm is not in the user's direct control can help prevent unintentional shootings and youth suicides. This, alongside the requirement to report lost or stolen firearms within 48 hours, promotes responsible gun ownership.
- **High-Capacity Magazine and Ghost Gun Bans:** Prohibiting untraceable "ghost guns" and limiting magazine capacity to 10 rounds are essential moves to keep pace with evolving technology and reduce the lethality of mass shooting events.



- **Industry Accountability:** This bill allows both the Attorney General and individual victims to take legal action against gun industry members who act irresponsibly and cause harm. Ensuring the firearm industry cannot evade basic standards of corporate responsibility is vital for public safety.
- **Repealing Preemption:** Restoring local control allows Minnesota's diverse communities to implement localized safety solutions that meet their specific needs.

The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget provides a comprehensive roadmap for reducing gun violence across our state. Everytown for Gun Safety urges the Committee to support these measures to protect the lives of all Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

Charles Allen

Charles Allen
State Government Affairs
Everytown for Gun Safety



Tuesday, April 14th, 2026

Minnesota State House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and members of the House Public Safety Committee,

I write today on behalf of GIFFORDS in strong support of the Governor's public safety supplemental budget proposal. GIFFORDS is a leader in the movement to end gun violence in America. Led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, our team brings decades of political, legal, and policy expertise to the fight for gun safety.

The Governor's proposed public safety supplemental budget request includes a holistic response to combat the tragic instances of gun violence that are all-too familiar in Minnesota. Among many proposals, the package allocates resources to:

- Ban assault weapons and high capacity magazines.
- Require safe storage of firearms.
- Report lost and stolen firearms.
- Close the ghost gun loophole.
- Expand early intervention resources for schools.

Currently, over 500 Minnesotans lose their lives each year to gun violence; it is the leading cause of death for kids and teens. Commonsense policies like those included in the Governor's budget request are proven to be effective at addressing this public safety crisis. If enacted, this budget proposal would help to reduce the frequency and lethality of mass shootings, lower rates of teen suicide, make it more difficult for criminals to obtain firearms, and improve law enforcement's ability to investigate gun crimes. These are outcomes that protect everyone and that all lawmakers should readily support.

While no single piece of legislation can prevent every instance of gun violence, this comprehensive supplemental budget proposal significantly enhances public safety by building on previous bills passed in Minnesota and investing critical resources into safety and prevention efforts. We are confident that adopting the Governor's recommendations will save lives, and we urge this committee to support this critical set of proposals.

Sincerely,

Spencer Myers
State and Local Policy Attorney, GIFFORDS Law Center



April 14, 2026

House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota State Capitol, Room 120

RE: Support for Gun Violence Prevention in Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Dear Chair Moller, Chair Novotny and Committee Members,

The League of Women Voters of Minnesota (LWVMN) is proud to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, but always working on vital issues of concern to members and the public.

Through member consensus in 1990 and 2022, League members across the state adopted positions to reduce deaths and injuries by firearms and support strategies that reduce homicides, suicides or unintentional firearm deaths or injuries. In particular, we support allowing municipalities to regulate ownership and possession of firearms and ammunition more strictly than the state, banning the possession of assault weapons and large capacity magazines, and enacting stronger safe firearms storage laws.

Additionally, LWVMN supports measures to regulate handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons through licensing procedures for gun ownership by private citizens including waiting periods, background checks, personal identity verification, gun safety education, and annual license renewal. Those who make, buy, and use **ghost guns** — some of whom may be restricted from carrying and using firearms — **circumvent the gun licensing system**.

Lastly, enacting Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) requires public education. We look forward to finding gun violence prevention solutions together in Minnesota. **We respectfully urge your consideration of these and other gun violence prevention proposals.**

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Streukens".

Sam Streukens, Civic Engagement Director
League of Women Voters of Minnesota

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Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Chad Kuyper, and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

I'm a professor at Normandale Community College, which underwent a major construction project a few years ago. At a faculty meeting where the contractors explained our new office setup to us, the discussion point that took the most time and drew the most impassioned opinions was not whether our new offices were accessible to students with disabilities. It was not whether the restrooms were ideally situated; it wasn't even the coffee machine's new location.

It was whether our new offices were properly defended against an active shooter armed with an assault rifle.

Professors from every discipline peppered their questions with words like "sightlines" and "access points," and as the discussion wore on, I could feel myself getting angry that this is our new normal, an outlandish status quo enabled by civilian access to weapons of war.

Our state still bears the scars of Annunciation. Teachers and students go to class wondering if their school will be the site of the next tragedy – because there *will* be one. This is not what freedom what looks like. This is not what law and order looks like. The governor here is offering a host of common-sense solutions that place the focus where it should be placed: on firearms. I urge members of the committee to vote YES on the Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Testimony of Anna Clausen for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Anna Clausen and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

This includes:

Funding for a public awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)

A ban on military-style assault weapons

A ban on high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition,

Re-passing the binary trigger ban,

A ban on “ghost guns” firearms without serial numbers

The requirement of safe and secure storage of firearms,

The requirement to report lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours

Creating legal cause of action against gun manufacturers

Repealing local preemption of firearms restrictions.

I am supportive of the topics above because gun violence is a public health issue. Access to firearms is a leading cause of death by suicide. The safe storage of firearms can help to prevent many deaths, including for our military service members many who own guns and whose roles can lead to mental health issues.

In addition, the ban on assault weapons and high capacity magazines would be impactful to reduce many of the mass shootings we hear about so frequently. These incidents are more fatal and involve many more victims because of the ability these style guns give to fire many rounds quickly.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Anna Clausen

Co-Chair Mille, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Barbara Landes and I am writing today to urge the committee to support The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget. This will would put in place many life saving gun violence prevention measures including banning Assault style weapons and high-capacity magazines.

I am a retired elementary school teacher residing in Apple Valley. During my career, vast amounts of time and energy were spent in preparation for the possibility of an active shooter event. Living with the responsibility for the lives of my students (who became "my kids"), was a stress that became more and more difficult to live with. We need to take steps to protect schools and to lift this burden from educators.

I am writing today to urge you to support the Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget. In addition to my own experience with the fear that gun violence places on schools, I, like so many Minnesotans am still rocked by the trauma caused at Annunciation school last August. We owe it to the living victims of this violence to enact policies that will prevent another such event. I reject the argument that an assault weapons ban would not prevent such tragedies from occurring. That's like saying seatbelt laws have not saved lives.

It is time to put the safety of our citizens first. Please vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Respectfully,

Barbara Landes
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Apple Valley, MN 55124

Testimony of Carla Gillespie for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Carla Gillespie, and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

This includes:

Funding for a public awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)

A ban on military-style assault weapons

A ban on high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition,

Re-passing the binary trigger ban,

A ban on "ghost guns," firearms without serial numbers

The requirement of safe and secure storage of firearms,

The requirement to report a lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours

Creating a legal cause of action against gun manufacturers

Repealing local preemption of firearms restrictions.

All of these elements are evidence-based, commonsense solutions to reduce the epidemic of gun violence. One law will not prevent all or most tragedies, but the "Swiss cheese" model of layering protections can.

Guns are the 2nd leading cause of death among children and teens in Minnesota. A secure storage requirement could prevent the tragic headlines we frequently see about a child finding an unsecured, loaded gun at home or in the family car and accidentally injuring or killing themselves or others.

Seventy-one percent of gun deaths in MN are suicides. Money for ERPO education could save the life of a soul in crisis.

Banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines will reduce the number of mass shootings and casualties they cause.

In Minnesota, an average of 551 people die, and 1,174 are wounded by guns every year. For every death, there are family members, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, coaches, colleagues, teachers and health care professionals who experience trauma. We are all traumatized. But we don't have to be. You can make a change that will save lives and improve the well-being of all Minnesotans.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Carla Gillespie
Moms Demand Action Volunteer

Testimony of Erin Noel for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Erin Noel and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

This includes:

Funding for a public awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)

A ban on military-style assault weapons

A ban on high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition,

Re-passing the binary trigger ban,

A ban on “ghost guns” firearms without serial numbers

The requirement of safe and secure storage of firearms,

The requirement to report lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours

Creating legal cause of action against gun manufacturers

Repealing local preemption of firearms restrictions.

I am a born and raised Minnesotan, currently living in South Minneapolis. As an aunt of a 3 and 2 year old, I'm advocating we do something - anything - to help keep them and future generations safe from gun violence.

I am testifying today because:

- My neighborhood has witnessed the murders of Renee Good and Alex Pretti shortly after the murders of innocent children at Annunciation. This shooting occurred only weeks after the murder of your colleague Senator Melissa Hortman and her husband and the attempted murder of another State Senator John Hoffman and his wife.
- We cannot allow these gun violence horror to be normalized.

My experience leads me to emphasize the support of the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations today.

- Guns are the 2nd leading cause of death among children and teens in Minnesota.
- And not only are these deaths incredibly tragic and preventable, Gun violence costs Minnesota \$6.6 billion each year, of which \$105.5 million is paid by taxpayers.

- With a rate of 9.5 deaths per 100,000 people, Minnesota has the 43rd-highest rate of gun deaths in the US.

I implore members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Testimony of Gretchen Damon for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Gretchen Damon and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

Funding for a public awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)

A ban on military-style assault weapons

A ban on high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition,

Re-passing the binary trigger ban,

A ban on “ghost guns” firearms without serial numbers

The requirement of safe and secure storage of firearms,

The requirement to report lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours

Creating legal cause of action against gun manufacturers

Repealing local preemption of firearms restrictions.

I am a long time resident of St. Paul. It is important to me that my family is safe in this city, along with myself. The children of Minnesota deserve to be in public places where the threat of gun violence is absent. I am a mother and soon-to-be grandmother. Responsible gun ownership is very important to me.

I am testifying today because it isn't right for the number one cause of death of American children to be firearms. This unique American experience needs immediate attention. Any other public health crisis would prompt urgency.

My experience leads me to emphasize an overall plan of common sense gun reform. States that have gun safety legislation like those in this package have fewer deaths and injuries. Lawmakers need to have the bravery to do what is right.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony,
Gretchen Damon, St. Paul Moms Demand Action

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Hollis Lundquist and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget. This bill would put in place many life-saving gun violence prevention measures, including an assault weapon/high-capacity magazine ban.

I have 6 grandchildren in elementary and middle school. I raised my own children just blocks from Annunciation School. I have listened to distraught parents and HCMC doctors who treated the victims.

I am testifying today because:

- I never want my grandchildren or ANY child to live through the horror of being attacked, or witnessing such an attack, especially with a weapon meant for maximum damage.
- I believe stronger gun laws are a significant step in keeping us, our children and grandchildren safe.
- Banning the sale of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines is supported by a vast majority of Minnesotans.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Hollis Lundquist
Prior Lake, MN

Testimony of Janice McClement for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Janice McClement and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations. I have been a proud Minnesotan for nearly 20 years.

I am testifying today because I believe, that while we have made some progress with sensible gun legislation in this state, there is more we need to do. Banning assault rifles and the use of high capacity magazines would go a long way in making our communities, and our children, safer from gun violence-especially reducing the likelihood and severity of mass shootings and casualties. I am also glad that this package includes funding for a public awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs), re-passing the binary trigger ban, a ban on “ghost guns” firearms without serial numbers, the requirement of safe and secure storage of firearms, the requirement to report lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours, creating legal cause of action against gun manufacturers and repealing local preemption of firearms restrictions.

I could provide a long list of facts and statistics about the impact of gun violence in our community, but I am sure you have heard most of this before – including the compelling testimony from victims and survivors of gun violence. I am the mother of 4 and grandmother of 3 and I worry about the very real threat of gun violence in each of their lives all the time.

While there is a very vocal minority, most Minnesotans agree that we need to take action to reduce gun violence in our state. Please do so now!

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important budgetary action.

Testimony of Jane Martin for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget
Volunteer with League of Women Voters

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee
Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Jane Martin and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

This includes:

Funding for a public awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)

A ban on military-style assault weapons

A ban on high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition,

Re-passing the binary trigger ban,

A ban on "ghost guns" firearms without serial numbers

The requirement of safe and secure storage of firearms,

The requirement to report lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours

Creating legal cause of action against gun manufacturers

Repealing local preemption of firearms restrictions.

I am a retired educator and have seen and experienced the mental health issues associated with gun violence. We do not have to live this way. We need common sense gun laws in our state, just like 16 other states have decided. The U.S. is the only country among its peers where guns are the number one cause of death for children. You can change this and I urge you to act responsibly.

Please vote YES. Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Julie Legler and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget. This bill would put in place many life-saving gun violence prevention measures, including an assault weapon/high-capacity magazine ban.

I am a grandmother of two school-age children with three more soon to follow. When my 5 year old granddaughter came home and told me about "having to hide in the closet so no bad person could get them", when I listened to the Annunciation parents and the HCMC doctors that treated the shooting victims, when I heard legislators talking about wanting to keep their weapons so they could hunt squirrels, I decided like our Governor has said "enough is enough."

I am testifying today because:

- I never want my grandchildren or ANY child to live through the horror of being attacked, especially with a weapon intended to inflict maximum damage.
- I believe stronger gun laws are part of the solution to keeping us and our children safe.
- I believe gun laws are a critical part of changing the gun culture in our country - like we have done for smoking and driving while intoxicated and even littering.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Susan Wehrenberg

Apple Valley, MN

Testimony of Karen Nesbit for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Karen Nesbit and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

This includes:

Funding for a public awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)

A ban on military-style assault weapons

A ban on high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition,

Re-passing the binary trigger ban,

A ban on “ghost guns” firearms without serial numbers

The requirement of safe and secure storage of firearms,

The requirement to report lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours

Creating legal cause of action against gun manufacturers

Repealing local preemption of firearms restrictions.

I am afraid for the safety of our children, of our teachers and school staff, of our first responders and of innocent Minnesotans caught in the crosshairs of gun violence. .

I am testifying today because we need additional strength in our gun laws to protect all Minnesotans but especially those Minnesotans who cannot protect themselves.

My experience leads me to emphasize the following harrowing statistics:

- Guns are the 2nd leading cause of death among children and teens in Minnesota.
- With a rate of 9.5 deaths per 100,000 people, Minnesota has the 43rd-highest rate of gun deaths in the US
- Minnesota ranks 14th in gun law strength – showing that their existing laws are working,
- but they need to continue improving.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Testimony of **Katy Anderson** for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is **Katy Anderson** and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

This includes:

Funding for a public awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)

A ban on military-style assault weapons

A ban on high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition,

Re-passing the binary trigger ban,

A ban on “ghost guns” firearms without serial numbers

The requirement of safe and secure storage of firearms,

The requirement to report lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours

Creating legal cause of action against gun manufacturers

Repealing local preemption of firearms restrictions.

I am a mother of two and a registered nurse. I grew up in the community of Annunciation. No one should have to live through this horrific event especially when we have the power to change the laws to protect everyone.

I am testifying today because:

- An estimated 4.6 million American children live in a home where at least one gun is kept loaded and unlocked. These improperly stored weapons have contributed to school shootings, suicides, and the deaths of family members, including infants and toddlers.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Testimony for Kathleen Kraemer -The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Introduction

My name is **Kathy Kraemer**, and I am a volunteer with West Metro Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America. I am writing today to urge the Minnesota House Public Safety Committee—Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and committee members—to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

Key Recommendations

The Gun Violence Prevention Package includes several important measures:

- Funding for a public awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)
- A ban on military-style assault weapons
- A ban on high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition
- Re-passing the binary trigger ban
- A ban on “ghost guns”—firearms without serial numbers
- The requirement of safe and secure storage of firearms
- The requirement to report lost or stolen firearms within 48 hours
- Creating legal cause of action against gun manufacturers
- Repealing local preemption of firearms restrictions

Personal Background

I am a resident of St. Louis Park and have been involved in gun violence prevention causes for over 10 years.

Personal Testimony

I am testifying today because a friend of mine lost their son to suicide. The tragedy was due to depression and easy access to a loaded, unsecured firearm. I believe his life might have been saved if the gun had not been loaded and had been safely stored. I do this work for him and his family.

Importance of Safe Storage

My experience leads me to emphasize the importance of safe storage and the other recommendations in this bill. Safe storage of firearms saves lives.

Call to Action

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Testimony of Kelsey Sprowell for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Kelsey Sprowell and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

This includes:

Funding for a public awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)

A ban on military-style assault weapons

A ban on high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition,

Re-passing the binary trigger ban,

A ban on “ghost guns” firearms without serial numbers

The requirement of safe and secure storage of firearms,

The requirement to report lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours

Creating legal cause of action against gun manufacturers

Repealing local preemption of firearms restrictions.

I am testifying today because I do everything in my power to keep my children safe. I drive a vehicle with excellent safety ratings, I monitor the food they eat, I get to know their friends’ parents before they visit their homes, and I don’t allow sleepovers – but a stranger with a gun could still hurt them, and that fact is so terrifying that it keeps me awake at night.

My experience leads me to emphasize the necessity of prohibiting the purchase and possession of assault weapons today. Since 2016 – the year I became a mother – nine out of the 10 highest-casualty mass shootings have involved the use of at least one assault weapon. A 2021 study found that the federal prohibition of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines was associated with a significant decrease in public mass shootings and related casualties, and prevented at least 11 public mass shootings during the 10 years it was in effect. Researchers also estimated that had the law remained in effect from 2005 through 2019, it would have prevented 30 mass shootings that killed 339 people and wounded 1,139 more!

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Testimony of Kristina Degiovanni for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America
Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Kristina Degiovanni and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

This includes:

Funding for a public awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)

A ban on military-style assault weapons

A ban on high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition,

Re-passing the binary trigger ban,

A ban on “ghost guns” firearms without serial numbers

The requirement of safe and secure storage of firearms,

The requirement to report lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours

Creating legal cause of action against gun manufacturers

Repealing local preemption of firearms restrictions.

I am a resident in rural West Central MN, a mother, a pharmacist in skilled nursing homes, and a gun owner with beautiful family traditions of coming together and hunting on our land.

I am testifying today because:

I became an active volunteer with the St. Cloud Mom’s Demand Action group after the mass shooting in Ulvalde TX where 19 students and two adults were murdered with an AR-15 rifle. Prior to this while I was in high school in 2003, 3.5 miles from our Farm in Cold Spring there was school shooting that shattered our graduating class and community. Most recently of course, we also have the Annunciation Catholic School shooting which now as a mother has me working towards gun sense legislation even more so. Gun violence is a public health epidemic that affects the well-being and safety of all Minnesotans.

My experience leads me to emphasize this Gun Violence Prevention Package (Budget) is long overdue and would be an integral part of our work to combat gun violence in Minnesota.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on the Governor’s Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

**Testimony of Laura Sindberg Wolfman for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget
13 April 2026**

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Laura Sindberg Wolfman and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

This includes:

Funding for a public awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)

A ban on military-style assault weapons

A ban on high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition,

Re-passing the binary trigger ban,

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The requirement of safe and secure storage of firearms,

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Creating legal cause of action against gun manufacturers

Repealing local preemption of firearms restrictions.

Although now retired, I spent 35+ years in schools of all sorts and sizes in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Minnesota. Now, as a resident of Minnesota I am scared for my grandchildren, children, and the people I love who must contend with school shootings all too often, most recently at Annunciation Parish and School on 27 August 2025. Schools must be safe and welcoming spaces for all.

I am testifying today (relative to HF 3433) the high rate of gun deaths in Minnesota today is a concern for all of us. With a rate of 9.5 dates per 100,000 people, Minnesota has the 4th highest rate of fun deaths in the United States.

I respectfully urge members of the committee to vote YES on the Governor’s Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this very important legislation.

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Testimony of Leah Kondes for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Leah Kondes, and I am writing today to urge the committee to support The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget. This bill would put in place many life-saving gun violence prevention measures, including assault weapons bans, high-capacity magazine limits, secure storage, preemption repeal, ghost gun ban, industry accountability, and lost and stolen reporting requirements

I am the mother of three daughters.

I am testifying today because I am trying to keep my children alive. The oldest one was born in March of 1999, the month before semi-automatic weapons were used to kill thirteen people at Columbine High School in Colorado. My youngest daughter, just since I started volunteering with Moms Demand Action in 2019, has been at the mall for one of their shootings and the state fair for one of their shootings, and her campus was recently on lockdown due to the threat of gun violence.

My experience leads me to emphasize the prohibition of high-capacity magazines. A 2018 study estimates that guns equipped with high-capacity magazines, which include assault weapons and other semiautomatic firearms, account for 22 to 36 percent of crime guns in most places, with some estimates upward of 40 percent for cases involving serious violence, including homicides of law enforcement officers.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget. Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Testimony of Leah White for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Leah White and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

This includes:

Funding for a public awareness campaign for Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)

A ban on military-style assault weapons

A ban on high-capacity magazines holding more than 10 rounds of ammunition,

Re-passing the binary trigger ban,

A ban on “ghost guns” firearms without serial numbers

The requirement of safe and secure storage of firearms,

The requirement to report lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours

Creating legal cause of action against gun manufacturers

Repealing local preemption of firearms restrictions.

I am an educator in Mankato, MN and am also the mother of two children. I am testifying today because I am tired of feeling anxious and afraid due to gun violence. I have a vivid memory of my child playing school with friends when they were in first grade. Part of their play included a lock down drill. I had to leave the room to cry. That the possibility of a school shooting is so normalized our children incorporate this into their play is inexcusable. A good friend of mine lost a loved one in the 2023 Covenant school shooting in Nashville. She is so traumatized from this loss that she is home schooling her own children. We must do all we can to make our schools safe. Lock down drills are not the answer.

I was shocked to recently learn that guns are the second leading cause of death among children and teens in Minnesota. Increasing efforts to ensure secure storage of firearms will make our children safer.

I urge members of the committee to vote YES on the Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Testimony of Lexi Anderson for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Volunteer with Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America/Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Lexi Anderson and I am writing today to urge the committee to support The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget. This bill would put in place many life saving gun violence prevention measures, including an Assault Weapons and High Capacity Magazines Ban, and a Preemption Repeal

I am a 17 year old music student at Saint Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists. After the shooting at Annunciation Catholic School and Church, I decided to start a Students Demand Action club at my school.

I am testifying today because:

I grew up in the West 7th neighborhood of St. Paul, where gun violence was present in every aspect of my life. I remember when I was 5 years old, somebody was shot outside of my condo. My parents made us go downstairs and stay away from the windows, and I was clueless as to what was happening, but I heard the yelling and the police sirens ringing out. Those are sounds that no 5 year old should have to hear.

My experience leads me to emphasize the importance of repealing the preemption on local governments passing common sense gun laws to keep vulnerable communities safe today.

Preemption laws have been shown to increase the fatality rate in other dangerous situations, such as there being a previous tobacco preemption, and a previous firearm sprinkler preemption. It creates an unfair imbalance, causing more danger and harm to disadvantaged communities like the one where I grew up.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation. 2

**Testimony of MARGO SWANSON for
The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget**

Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Margo Swanson, and I write today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

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I am a retired childcare provider, formerly in an elementary school setting (ISD191 Burnsville, Eagan & Savage).

I am testifying because I follow every measure in the Supplemental Budget seen as essential steps to save lives: To truly safeguard students & their families, our teachers & staff, within our school community. My experience leads me to fear for kiddos getting off the buses in the morning, & I question what terror may come to them before their school day ends.

- The bill would not force all campuses to bar visitors from carrying. It would empower each campus to make the decision that's right for them, returning local control to each school.
- Post-Annunciation, the sight of a firearm on campus would only inflame already high anxiety around gunfire on school grounds in Minnesota.
- Gun owners with a permit to carry are already barred from carrying on K-12 school grounds, both public and private -- it makes sense to extend this to community colleges and state universities, which have been the sites of some of the most notorious shootings in our country.

With a resounding YES, I ask members of the committee to vote yes on the Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Testimony of Monica Ihrke for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Monica Ihrke, and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

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I am an artist in Duluth and former teacher in Vermont, partner, auntie, and mom. Gun violence has peppered my life. I’ve lost a cousin and a student from unsecured guns. More recently I lost a running friend and her son in a case where had an Extreme Risk Protection Order been used, they’d be alive right now.

I’m testifying today for Erin and Jacob and the three other people who died that night. On January 1, 2024, Walz signed into law an Extreme Risk Protection Order. I’d never heard of the law until after Erin died in November of 2024. This law is life saving, taking guns out of the hands of people who are set on inflicting harm to themselves and others, *IF* the right people are notified. I wish Erin and her family had known about this law and how to access it. Five lives would have been saved on November 5, 2024. We need more funding to spread awareness for Extreme Risk Protection Orders.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Sincerely, Monica Ihrke

I am writing in support of the \$500K for ERPO public awareness in the Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget. I believe the proof is in the pudding, and these excerpts from a Fox News report on the Mankato Police Department's use of the Red Flag law. In Mankato, the Red Flag law has become an integral part of an officer's training.

"We do it at our line level, which I think just puts us in a unique position compared to some other policing agencies across the state of Minnesota," said Clifton. "Plus, Mankato has got a pretty highly educated, well-trained public safety department and they have for a really long time so it wouldn't surprise me that they're out there on the cutting edge."

Clifton explained that most cases his department sees involve individuals threatening to hurt themselves. His department has confiscated more than 60 firearms in the past two years. "We need to look at that straight in its face, use the law in order to get them beyond that critical point in time where they are going to make an awful decision that they cannot come back from," Clifton added.

One case illustrates Mankato's Red Flag strategy. In May 2024, they were called to the home of a 35-year-old man who was armed with a shotgun, severely intoxicated and said to be suicidal.

His former partner told police she had attempted to wrestle the firearm away from him when she got scared and left the house. He took off before officers arrived.

Police on scene observed the woman was scratched and bloodied. Court records indicate the man had previously broken the woman's jaw and threatened to use a firearm against her in a prior domestic assault.

Police then filed for an Extreme Risk Protection Order against the man. A judge eventually signed off on a year-long emergency order prohibiting him from legally possessing or purchasing a firearm, finding he posed a significant danger to himself and others.

"It is about safety," said Clifton. "It is about the safety of our citizens, the loved ones around them, and the rest of your community. And we are not looking at long-term separation of guns here. We are looking at that short-term environment where people can get the help they need, the resources available to them so that they can be healthy in their own homes, in their own environments."

But two emergency petitions from Mankato Police were initially denied by a judge. In one 2025 case reviewed by the FOX 9 Investigators, a Blue Earth County judge rejected a Mankato officer's petition. Court files indicate the man, who was struggling with his mental health, had made suicidal threats with a knife, telling his fiancé, he was in the process of purchasing a firearm. Police filed for an Extreme Risk Protection Order to prevent him from legally obtaining a firearm.

The judge, who denied the application, concluded in part, "There is no evidence that Respondent owns or attempted to possess a firearm." The petition was later approved after police returned to court and the respondent agreed to a six-month ban.

Clifton says that case shows the law is working effectively with the court weighing evidence gathered by police before stripping an individual of their gun rights.

"There is not pride in the number," concluded Clifton. "The pride comes in the dedication that our police officers have to this environment, both to the Second Amendment and to the Extreme Risk Protection Order law. And that pride comes in how they have each sought out training and understanding on how we can deliver this law in the right way, in the fashion that protects everyone. That is where the pride is."

I firmly believe that more public awareness will save lives, and I am asking you to include money for ERPO public awareness in this year's budget.

Nika Davies, 15755 Henna Ct., Apple Valley, MN 55124

Testimony of Richard Cowles for Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget—Assault Weapon and High Capacity Magazine Ban

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

My name is Richard Cowles. I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Assault Weapon and High Capacity Magazine bans included in the Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

I am a 70-year resident of Minnesota who is committed to doing everything I can to ensure that my grandchildren grow up and live with the same kind of peace of mind, free of fear of gun violence, that I benefited from in my youth and young adult life.

I am testifying today because:

Assault weapons and high capacity magazines are commonplace in mass shootings and turn smaller shootings into massive tragedies. A study found that the federal prohibition on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines was associated with a significant decrease in public mass shootings and related casualties, preventing at least 11 public mass shootings during the 10 years it was in effect. The researchers also estimated that had the law remained in effect from 2005 through 2019, it would have prevented 30 mass shootings that resulted in the death of 339 people and wounded 1,139 more.

Research shows that restrictions on high-capacity magazines can also help prevent mass shooting injuries and fatalities. According to Dr. Michael Siegel, a researcher at Boston University, "Whether a state has a large capacity ammunition magazine ban is the single best predictor of the mass shooting rates in that state."

A 2018 study estimates that guns equipped with high-capacity magazines, which include assault weapons and other semiautomatic firearms, account for 22 to 36 percent of crime guns in most places, with some estimates upward of 40 percent for cases involving serious violence, including homicides of law enforcement officers. And the problem may be getting worse: research suggests that the prevalence of high-capacity magazines in guns used in crimes has grown substantially since the 2004 expiration of the federal prohibition on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on the Assault Weapon and High Capacity Magazine bans. Thank you for considering this testimony.

MN House Public Safety Committee

State Capitol

St. Paul, MN

Representatives:

I am writing in support of an Assault Weapons Ban, as well as a ban on High Capacity Magazines. As the father of a murdered child (Katherine Ann Olson—murdered in the first Craigslist killing in 2007) I know the toll that gun violence takes on families and communities. When well over half of Americans say that they have been affected by gun violence we need to regard this as the public health problem that it is.

As a gun owner and hunter, I see no legitimate use for such weapons when hunting. The high velocity bullets from these weapons destroy the flesh of animals, rendering them less edible. As a sportsman, having so many accessible bullets lessens the sport involved. When duck hunting the hunter is limited to five shells in the gun. The emphasis and sport is on the marksmanship of the hunter. With semiautomatic weapons and high capacity magazines there is much less sport involved when many bullets can be fired rapidly.

It is exactly these same factors that make these items so dangerous to the public. It is clear why they are the favored weapon for mass shooters. So the question is, ***why do we allow millions of people access to these killing machines?*** Manufacturers design them for military use (for killing) – as automatic weapons. These government contracts make them wealthy. Then they modify them to semi automatic weapons and market them to the public, telling consumers that “*you, too, can be like our brave soldiers with your very own military style weapon!*”

Please ban these weapons in Minnesota and let sportsmen enjoy hunting and children enjoy living without fear.

Thank you.

Rev. Rolf Olson

1859 Simpson St.

Falcon Heights, MN

Testimony of Susan Wehrenberg for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget
Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Susan Wehrenberg and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget. This bill would put in place many life-saving gun violence prevention measures, including an assault weapon/high-capacity magazine ban.

I am a grandmother of 4 school-age kids. I have listened to the Annunciation parents. I have heard the HCMC doctors that treated the victims. I have seen the gory Washington Post photos from Uvalde.

I am testifying today because:

- I never want my grandchildren or ANY child to live through the horror of being attacked, especially with a weapon meant for maximum damage.
- I believe stronger gun laws are part of the solution to keeping us and our children safe.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety

Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Susan Wehrenberg

Apple Valley, MN

Testimony of **Terry Campbell** for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is **Terry Campbell** and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

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I am a Minneapolis resident, professional mental health counselor, and a gun violence prevention activist. As a therapist, I have an ethical duty to advocate for the protection of my clients and society at large. Thus I urge you to vote yes on these bills. If you have already taken a stance in support of them, I thank you! If you have been opposed to passing this legislation in the past, I beg you to examine your conscience and reconsider!

I have seen insidious results to people who have been close to gun violence, having counseled suicidal clients, loved ones of victims, and even parents of mass shooting victims at Annunciation. We all agree

these are tragedies that should never have happened, and I believe this legislation can help minimize them in the future.

As you know, guns are the now the number one cause of death to children and teens in the United States! I repeat, they are the **NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF DEATH TO CHILDREN AND TEENS!** Please recognize this for the public health crisis that it is! As members of the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee you have the opportunity, and indeed the responsibility, to address this crisis in any way you can! These bills will help.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Terry Campbell, MA, LPCC

Testimony of Vicki Henderson for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense In America

Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Vicki Henderson and I am writing today to urge the committee to support the Gun Violence Prevention Package in the Governor's 2026 Supplemental Budget Recommendations.

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A December 2025 Lumaris Research poll reported that **69% of Minnesota adults support a ban on the sale of assault-style weapons**. Support for this measure is widespread across the state, including 62% in Greater Minnesota, 71% in the Twin Cities, and 79% in the suburbs.

I am writing because I am part of the majority that supports a ban on assault-style weapons. I believe it will be a helpful step to improve public safety in our Minnesota communities. I know that no one policy will eliminate violence entirely, but I believe limiting access to weapons that can inflict such devastating harm in a short amount of time is an important step.

I do not oppose people owning guns for purposes such as hunting or home defense. Assault weapons do not fit into that category. Past policies, including the Federal Assault Weapons Ban of 1994, suggest that restrictions can reduce the presence of these weapons in crimes. Law enforcement officials have also raised concerns about the dangers these firearms pose to officers and the public, particularly in situations where high-capacity magazines are involved.

I understand that this issue is about balancing individual rights with the safety and well-being of the broader community. I urge Minnesota lawmakers to consider policies that prioritize public safety and which support legislation that addresses the risks associated with assault-style weapons.

I urge you to depart from party lines which create stagnation and deadlock. It also results in representatives voting in favor of a party line instead of reading and responding to what the constituents in their respective districts are asking for.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Respectfully,
Vicki Henderson
1404 Belmont Lane West
Roseville, MN 55113

Testimony of Victoria Mitchell for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget
Volunteer with Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

Co-Chair Moller, Co-Chair Novotny, and Committee Members,

My name is Victoria Mitchell, and I am writing today to urge the committee to support The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget. This bill would put in place many life saving gun violence prevention measures, including an Assault Weapons and High Capacity Magazine Ban.

I am a 15-year-old resident of Minneapolis, and I attend Saint Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists.

I am testifying today because I have seen firsthand the impact of gun violence in my community, especially following the Annunciation Shooting. When I learned about the shooting at Annunciation, I was terrified for the safety of the kids whom I checked onto the bus last summer to our theater camp in St. Louis Park, whose parents were now being interviewed by local news sites. In that moment, I didn't know if these kids, whose optimism and excitement brightened my day this past July, were alive. This fear turned into anger at the legislators and leaders who have the power to make a change yet stand idle while children go to school scared, while their parents wait for them at home, wondering if they'll ever see their kids again. This is sadly the world we live in today, but it doesn't have to be.

My experience leads me to emphasize the importance of an Assault Weapons ban today. According to Everytown Research, 9 out of 10 of the deadliest mass shootings were carried out with an assault weapon, and these weapons are capable of firing as much ammunition as possible in as little time as possible. There is no reason why any regular person would need access to an assault weapon.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.

Testimony of Angie Lillehei for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget Position:
Limit Hi capacity magazines

PRO

Volunteer for Gun Violence Prevention

Minnesota House Public Safety Finance and Policy

Chair Moller and Committee Members,

My name is Angie Lillehei and I am writing today to urge the committee to support The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget, a bill to limit high capacity magazines and other gun violence prevention measures.

I have a loved one who is a survivor at Annunciation, a horrific mass shooting made much worse due to the assault weapon purchased prior to the shooting and the use of high capacity magazines. The destruction to those in that building is still unfathomable, even though I have heard many of the families' stories.

I am testifying today because:

My personal experience leads me to emphasize the limiting of high capacity magazines. There is no place for weapons of war in civilian society. This has been proven time and time again in our country.

According to Everytown USA assault weapons and high-capacity magazines are frequently used in the violence that plagues our nation. By their very design more are injured and killed.

Ten states plus Washington DC prohibit assault weapons. Let's be the 11th state and take the step to prevent future carnage now.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important budget legislation.

Testimony of Angie Lillehei for The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget

Position: PRO

Volunteer for Gun Violence Prevention

Minnesota House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee

Chair Moller and Committee Members,

My name is Angie Lillehei and I am writing today to urge the committee to support The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget, a bill to prohibit sale and possession of a ghost gun, along with other gun safety measures..

I have a loved one who is a survivor at Annunciation, a horrific mass shooting made much worse due to the assault weapon purchased prior to the shooting and the use of high capacity magazines. The destruction to those in that building is still unfathomable, even though I have heard many of the families' stories.

I am testifying today because:

My personal experience as a public health professional leads me to support the prohibition of the sale and possession of a ghost gun. There is no place for handmade guns that are untraceable and unregulated and deadly.

According to Everytown USA, ghost guns are the fastest-growing gun safety problem facing our country. They are becoming a weapon of choice for violent criminals, gun traffickers, and other legally prohibited persons, as well as right-wing extremists. The country has also seen incidents of gunfire on school grounds and unintentional shootings by children involving ghost guns.

I encourage members of the committee to vote YES on The Governor's Public Safety Supplemental Budget for gun violence prevention.

Thank you for considering this testimony and this important legislation.