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Senator Ron Latz  
95 University Avenue W  
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 3105  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chairman Latz:

I am writing to you regarding Senate File 2827 (SF 2827) and the National Rifle Association's (NRA) position on this piece of legislation. I would like to express our strong opposition to SF 2827.

The NRA has a number of concerns regarding some of the policies set forth in the bill. The NRA believes that no one should be subjected to unreasonable punishment for possession of firearms.

SF 2827 increases the penalty for whoever owns, possesses, or operates a machine gun or any trigger activator or machine gun conversion kit from five years to 20 years and a fine of up to \$35,000 or both. This is a stiffer penalty than second-degree manslaughter (10 years, \$20,000 fine) and on par with sexual assault or rape.

It is legal to own machine guns for certain FFL's and any individuals who own machine guns made before 1986 in states that allow it. For those legal possessors of machine guns, who travel through Minnesota, 20 years in prison would be an unfair sentence for mere possession with no intent to harm.

For these reasons, and several others, the NRA is opposed to the passage of SF 2827.

Sincerely,

Brian Gosch  
Minnesota State Director