

To Senator Latz and members of the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.

I want to advocate for the SF 4312 for safe storage of firearms and SF 606 for reporting of lost and stolen guns.

I am an Emergency Physicians at Hennepin County Medical Center (though I do not speak for the medical center here – I speak for myself). In addition, my sister killed herself using a gun.

During nearly every shift I work in the Emergency Department, there is a gun violence victim. Many of these are suicides or suicide attempts. Many of these are accidental. Most are interpersonal violence. All are unacceptable. In the last week I have seen a man shot through the chest, another man shot through the head, and another man shot in the abdomen. All of them were critically wounded.

There's a lot we could do to mitigate gun violence through legislation. What is being proposed is very modest and it is incredible that it could be opposed by anyone. I went door-to-door in the east metro area discussing these laws with voters last fall. They nearly universally supported these particular proposed laws.

Only the most extreme viewpoints could oppose them.

We have talked about this issue for too long. It's time to do something concrete. Get these SF 4312 and SF 606 through committee and passed on the floor.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

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