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SF 5153

Dear Judiciary and Public Safety Committee:

I am a retired teacher and father of two daughters. I have experienced growing fear over the last twenty years as a father, teacher and private citizen who is literally in danger of being affected by gun violence at any time - as a victim, bystander or loved one. While my fear of gun violence is real, many of my BIPOC students and friends face a much higher risk of being the victim of gun violence. This runs counter to the equity for all that Minnesota proclaims to value. I believe it's important for Minnesota to pass common sense laws that ensure all its citizens can live without the constant and real threat of gun violence.

I strongly urge you to pass SF5153, which will increase the penalties for transferring firearms to people who are ineligible to possess them.

Thank you,

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