



Everytown for Gun Safety
Charles Allen, Associate Director of Government Affairs
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Re: In Support of an Assault Weapons Ban and High Capacity Magazine Ban

Dear members of the Senate working group,

On behalf of Everytown for Gun Safety, Moms Demand Action and Students Demand Action we write to express our **strong organizational support** for the passage of an assault weapons ban and high capacity magazine ban.

Minnesota needs to ban assault weapons. Assault weapons are generally capable of firing far more bullets, far faster than manual-action hunting rifles. In addition, each round fired from an assault weapon has a muzzle energy much higher than a bullet fired from a handgun. This means that each round of an assault style rifle inflicts greater damage to the human body than a round from a typical handgun—and these guns can fire many, many of these high-powered rounds extremely fast.

An assault weapons prohibition will help keep firearms that were designed to be weapons of war and have no place in the civilian market, off of our streets. State assault weapon bans are associated with a lower likelihood of an active shooter event. This bill would make Minnesota the tenth state in the nation to prohibit assault weapons, joining Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, California, and Rhode Island. California was the first, and their assault weapons law has been in place for over 30 years. There was a federal prohibition in place for a decade, but when it sunset in 2004, it became even more critical for states to regulate these dangerous weapons. ***Currently, approximately a third of the US population lives in a state that prohibits assault weapons.***

Minnesota needs to take action and ban high capacity magazines. A high capacity magazine prohibition will help save lives. High capacity magazines increase the lethality of a semiautomatic firearm by increasing the number of bullets that can be fired before a shooter needs to pause to reload, which allows guns to be fired more quickly, ultimately killing or injuring more people. Research has shown that these kinds of restrictions can help prevent mass shooting injuries and fatalities as well as reduce the devastation of daily gun violence in America. States with high capacity magazine prohibitions experience shootings with three or

more victims killed or injured at half the rate of states without these prohibitions. Currently, 14 states ban high capacity magazines.

Thank you for your leadership on this vital issue.

Sincerely,
Everytown for Gun Safety
Moms Demand Action
Students Demand Action