

The Honorable Tim Walz
Governor of Minnesota

The Honorable Erin Murphy
Majority Leader, Minnesota Senate

The Honorable Lisa Demuth
Speaker of the House, Minnesota House of Representatives

The Honorable Mark T. Johnson
Minority Leader, Minnesota Senate

The Honorable Zack Stephenson
DFL Caucus Leader, Minnesota House of Representatives

Dear Governor Walz and Legislative Leaders,

Today we are reaching out to you as a community in mourning. Our hearts are with the children, families, educators and community members directly impacted by the tragic shooting at Annunciation Catholic Church and School.

This act of gun violence has now been added to a devastatingly long list of horrific events that have harmed children in our communities and in others across the country. Gun violence remains the number one killer of kids in the United States and we cannot let that continue.

As organizations that care for and advocate on behalf of Minnesota children we are asking you to come together in a special session to address this public health crisis. We need elected officials to take a layered approach to this issue by both passing common sense gun legislation and making critical investments in the mental health supports our community needs.

The urgency of this moment cannot be overstated. Our mourning and heartbreak must drive us to act. Please join together in protecting the children of Minnesota.

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Minnesota Alliance With Youth
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Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health
Minnesota Athletic Trainers' Association
Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Minnesota Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians
Minnesota Chapter of the American College of Physicians
Minnesota Child Care Association
Minnesota Children's Museum
Minnesota Medical Association
Minnesota Prenatal to Three Coalition
Minnesota School Social Workers Association
Minnesota Social Service Association
Minnesota Society for Clinical Social Work
Minnesota Society of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
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