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To: Chair Ron Latz of the Minnesota Judiciary Committee, and Gun Violence Prevention Working Group

Re: my testimony, for the record, to the Minnesota Legislature on the subject of increasing gun control in response to recent violence.
(Gun Violence Prevention – Testimony Mike Seeber Sept 2025)

With all respect, in a nut shell, any new law passed to restrict guns will fail because the root cause of this problem and many others is, in large part, a downstream consequence of state-created institutional father absence. State-created institutional fatherlessness must stop: equal shared parenting for children after parents divorce is a much more appropriate solution to this problem.

State-created father absence costs everyone dearly. State laws driven by special interests like divorce lawyer lobbyists profit handsomely by removing fit, loving, responsible fathers from the lives of their children in Minnesota.

Long term peer reviewed research is clear that children who grow up without a father in the home are dramatically more likely to commit crimes including with guns. Nearly all incarcerated males report having no father in the home while growing up.

Simply put, our current family law system in Minnesota which has created a slow growing societal cancer that results in more gun crime and more of virtually every other crime and social pathology.

In closing, taking guns away from law abiding citizens will not solve crime but equal shared parenting for children after parents divorce would be a big step in the right direction.

Thank you.

From Michael J Seeber, citizen