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Chair Ron Latz
Vice Chair Zaynab Mohamed
Minnesota Senate Gun Violence Prevention Working Group

Chair Latz, Vice Chair Mohamed and members of the Minnesota Senate Gun Violence Prevention Working Group,

We write to you today after a summer of senseless violence in Minnesota. Gun violence exacts an enormous toll on American society, claiming tens of thousands of lives each year. This ongoing toll is unacceptable, and each day of delay before taking action puts more lives, especially our children's, at risk. We cannot wait to address this crisis.

The proposals before you today are commonsense solutions to our gun violence epidemic.

We write in strong support of DFL-led initiatives including:

- **Banning assault weapons and large capacity magazines**
- **Establishing an Office of Gun Violence Prevention in the Minnesota Department of Health**
- **Repealing state preemption laws**
- **Supporting further education about the state's existing Extreme Risk Protection Order or "Red Flag" law**
- **Strengthening firearm relinquishment procedures in instances of domestic violence**
- **Prohibiting unserialized firearms or "Ghost Guns"**
- **Prohibiting binary triggers**
- **Providing for the secure storage of firearms**

We thank members of this working group for their leadership on this important issue, and we encourage members to take meaningful action to pass these laws when the time comes.

The research is clear: commonsense gun safety laws work. The nation's courts agree: these policies are fully compatible with the Second Amendment. And the American people have spoken: our weak gun safety laws are killing nearly 40,000 Americans every year. Something must change.

Sincerely,

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