



September 12, 2025

Dear Chairs Latz and Mohamed and members of the Senate Gun Violence Prevention Working Group,

On behalf of our more than 3,100 family physician and medical student members, the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) urges your support of common sense policies to address gun violence in our state.

The MAFP is the largest physician specialty society in Minnesota, and our members take care of patients, families and communities across the state. As leaders in primary care, we and our teams work to keep our patients healthy, address health disparities and manage our patients' chronic conditions. We see firsthand the devastating impact of gun violence in our state and urge you to consider policies including:

1. A statewide ban on assault weapons
2. A statewide ban on high-capacity magazines
3. A statewide requirement that firearms be stored locked, unloaded and separate from ammunition
4. Removal of the current prohibition on local municipalities enacting stricter firearm regulations than the state

Firearm-related death and injury is a public health crisis. It is unacceptable that on average 125 Americans are killed every day with a gun and that at least twice that number are injured. The policies outlined above are proven to reduce the rate of death and injury by firearms.

Thank you for your work to find compromise and meaningful action to address gun violence. We look forward to engaging with you and your colleagues and are grateful for our shared commitment to the health of Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JC", written over a horizontal line.

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