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re: Support for SF4696

Chair Latz and members of the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety:

Annunciation Light Alliance is a non-partisan, non-profit parent-led advocacy group who believes in a future where every child can learn, play, and worship free from gun violence.

August 27 forever changed the families, teachers, staff, and Annunciation School community. We now work to transform our tragedy into a hope that inspires lasting change. As an alliance we evaluate policies based on whether they meaningfully reduce violence while respecting lawful gun ownership, recognizing hunters, veterans, sport shooters, and lawful firearm owners who also want safer communities.

The Annunciation Light Alliance supports SF4696, a meaningful step toward upstream prevention of violence and protection of youth. The individual responsible for the August 27 tragedy at Annunciation had an established presence on social media over time. While no single factor explains acts of violence, this underscores a broader reality: online environments can reflect and, at times, amplify concerning behaviors or exposures that may otherwise go unseen.

Strengthening safeguards that promote parental awareness, age-appropriate protections, and responsible platform oversight creates an additional layer of prevention. This layer supports families in recognizing risks earlier and complements broader efforts to reduce harm and protect our communities. We believe this aligns with our goal of preventing future events like the August 27 incident through evidence-based insights

We all care deeply about protecting Minnesota kids, and this bill is an opportunity for you to make Minnesota a safer place for all of our children. Please include SF4696 in SF4997.

Sincerely,

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