

All, HGD ! Thoughts before I submit this to MN in written for

Dear Honorable House of Representatives Committee

My name is Karl Kaufman. A father, a grandfather a career long Minnesotan, an outdoorsman, a hunter, fisherman and a 40-year member of the NRA. I did not buy my first NRA membership; it was gifted to me by my father-in-law! The NRA is family!

My purpose for this testimony is to oppose the HF0396 bill that is sponsored by Becker-Finn. My opposition of this bill centers around the Second Amendment which states " A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed ".

I would point out this bill represents another agenda to promote gun control in my estimation under the guise of safety! This bill is being directed to honest, hardworking, Minnesotans and not criminals! I would also remind you all that we already have firearm laws in place in Minnesota! I fail to understand this bill's purpose beyond gun control!

We will start with the locking device and locking device transfer paragraph! We have an estimated 400-500,000 deer hunters alone in Minnesota, couple that with waterfowl, upland game hunters and predator hunters. We have a million long guns in Minnesota. Trap shooting is the fastest growing high school sport for boys and girls! The rapid recent purchases of hand guns, has driven purchases up due to the violence and carjackings in the Twin Cities for self-protection. The locking devices will hinder a defensive response by our citizens! I find it extremely curious that new handguns come with a lock already and this is needlessly in the bill.

I would point out that all opioid drugs overdoses and sales should be placed in storage with a lock also, as far more deaths result from drug use versus firearms.

A burglar has the ability to break into a home, break into a safe or cabinet, has the same ability to remove a locking device from a firearm! This ultimately is an infringement upon gun owners!

I am great concerned about the penalties placed on firearms owners if they have them stolen and used in a felony! If a car is stolen and death(s) are the result in the recovery of the car in an accident, does the car owner be charged with a felony? I greatly doubt it! Precisely, define unlawful entry, unlawful entry to a firearm storage, unlawful disabling a locking system?

Ultimately, my final observations, the laws need to be enforced that we already have in place, the sentences and penalties, need to be applied, and we need to ensure the incarceration of the individuals that steal firearms and not penalize the good citizens of Minnesota!

Respectfully,

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