

Good morning. As a Minnesota Resident, I wanted to provide my comments on HF 601 and HF 4300.

Regarding HF 601: Requiring lost and stolen firearms to be reported within 48 hours to police or the gun owner will face criminal charges is meaningless - This is the gun control equivalent of "she shouldn't have worn that dress". This punishes the victim of a crime while doing nothing to deter the thief. What do you do with this information? Let say someone steals a lawfully owned firearm in Minneapolis. Are MPD officers going to fan out across the city, not resting until they find that one missing weapon? Maybe send a social worker to investigate? They can't even prevent car jackings, in broad daylight, in busy intersections. The only reason has been proposed is to come full circle, punish the victim, and deter lawful gun ownership with the threat of open ended liability for any crimes committed with their stolen property. Gun owners should have no liability morally, legally, nor financially when they are the victim of a crime.

Regarding HF 4300: Requiring "safe storage" is also a gaslight. It is a fig leaf to show constituents that they "did something". First it is completely unenforceable, as police do not have time to visit every home to ensure compliance. As I understand it is already illegal to give a minor access to deadly weapon, so it is also redundant. Further, it is one more impediment to a person, perhaps living alone where their firearms are no threat to anyone else, to defending themselves. If you really want to help, provide tax credits or better yet, cash reimbursements to folks who choose to buy a safe.

Thanks,

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