Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee Chair: Representative Jamie Becker-Finn

## HFs 14, 15

Thursday February 9, 2023 at 8:30 AM Capitol Room 120

## **IN SUPPORT**

As a responsible firearm owner (hunter), Family Physician, and Minnesota resident, I am writing in support of MN House files HF 14 and HF 15. With the ever-increasing occurrences of gun violence in our communities, it is clear that steps need to be taken to reduce and address this significant problem. Gun violence in all of its forms needs to be addressed to help keep all Minnesotans safe from things like suicide, domestic violence, accidental shootings, and violent crimes. I support the right of Minnesotans for gun ownership and use of firearms for activities like hunting or recreational shooting. I also see the need for safe storage of firearms, universal background checks on all firearm purchases, reporting of lost or stolen firearms, and extreme risk protection orders to start the work of reducing gun violence in our state.

Thank you for the work you do and are doing to keep Minnesotans safe.

Take care,
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