



Minnesota State Legislature  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
321 State Capitol  
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St. Paul, MN 55155-1050

Re: Addressing Ban of Ghost Guns: **Support** for SF 3661,

Dear Chair Latz and Members of the Committee,

As the largest gun violence prevention organization in America, we are writing to express our firm support for **SF 3661**. We would like to thank Senator Latz and Attorney General Ellison for their leadership in bringing forward SF 3661, a critical step in modernizing Minnesota's public safety laws to address the growing threat of untraceable, unserialized "ghost guns."

### **The Threat of Untraceable Firearms**

Ghost guns are functional firearms assembled from kits or 3D-printed parts that lack serial numbers. Because they are untraceable, they pose a unique and severe threat to public safety:

- **Evading Accountability:** Without serial numbers, these firearms are nearly impossible for law enforcement to trace when recovered at crime scenes.
- **Bypassing Safeguards:** They are a primary tool for individuals legally prohibited from possessing firearms to circumvent the background check system.
- **Undermining Progress:** The rise of these firearms weakens our existing efforts to prevent gun violence and hold traffickers accountable.

### **Addressing the 3D-Printing Surge**

While 3D printed firearms was once considered a fringe aspect of the ghost gun problem, 3D-printing technology has become significantly more affordable and advanced. What was once a fringe concern is now an emerging public safety crisis that requires specific, targeted policy. SF 3661 addresses the root of this problem by:



1. **Prohibiting Unlicensed 3D Manufacturing:** Closing the loophole that allows individuals to print functional firearms at home without a license.
2. **Regulating the Digital Code that Makes Possible the 3D Printing of Illegal Firearms :** Prohibiting the distribution and sale of digital instructional files to non-licensed manufacturers—the code that tells a 3D printer how to create a lethal firearm.

### **Joining a National Standard**

Minnesota has the opportunity to join **16 other states** that have already moved to regulate ghost guns. This is a common-sense, proactive measure to ensure our laws keep pace with technology. By passing SF 3661, you are ensuring that Minnesota does not become a haven for the manufacture of untraceable firearms.

We urge the Committee to move SF 3661 forward and maintain the momentum toward a safer Minnesota. Everytown for Gun Safety stands ready to support your efforts in protecting our communities from these dangerous threats.

Sincerely,

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