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Minnesota State Senate Public Safety Committee

Chair Latz, and members of the Minnesota State Senate Public Safety Committee,

I write today on behalf of GIFFORDS in strong support of SF3661, a bill to ban the possession and sale of ghost guns. GIFFORDS is a leader in the movement to end gun violence in America. Led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, our team brings decades of political, legal, and policy expertise to the fight for gun safety.

In recent years, the market for “DIY” ghost guns has expanded rapidly while remaining dangerously unregulated. These kits and related products are called “ghost guns” because they are typically sold and assembled without serial numbers or a background check, making them untraceable and easily accessible to criminals. As their production and usage has proliferated, a number of states have enacted critical reforms to stop the unchecked production of these unserialized guns.

Law enforcement recovered and traced more than twice as many privately manufactured firearms at crime scenes in 2022 and 2023 as they did in the five years between 2017 and 2021 combined. In total, between 2017 and 2023, 92,702 suspected privately manufactured firearms were recovered at crime scenes and traced by ATF.

On top of untraceable firearms being increasingly used in crimes, they are also increasingly being trafficked. According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, between 2017 and 2021, unlicensed making was a top ten trafficking channel identified in firearm trafficking investigations. By advancing SF3661, Minnesota can keep these dangerous weapons out of communities, prevent senseless deaths, and help local law enforcement more effectively do their jobs.

Combatting the scourge of gun violence in Minnesota and across the United States will take cooperation and a multi-faceted approach. We are confident that passing this bill into law will save lives, and we urge this committee to support this critical piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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