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Chair Ron Latz
Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee
St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: Senate File 3661, Prohibit the sale and possession of ghost guns

Dear Chair Latz and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to provide my support for Senate File 3661, a bill to prohibit most people from purchasing, selling, or transferring a finished firearm or unfinished frame or receiver, without a serial number.

As law enforcement, we see the consequences of gun violence up close. Our first responders provide life-saving care to victims while carrying the trauma of what they witness. Families are shattered when firearms fall into the wrong hands or aren’t stored safely. Children’s lives are altered in an instant when they have to hide under desks or see their teachers run in fear. These aren’t abstract policy debates; they are lived realities in our community.

Ghost guns reflect a major risk to public safety because they can be assembled, purchased, and sold outside of regulated channels. The Minneapolis Police Department recovered just three ghost guns in 2019. But MPD recovered 111 ghost guns in 2022 and 83 in 2024.

SF 3661 would regulate ghost guns by requiring a serial number and by restricting the use of 3D printers and other methods to create ghost guns. These measures help to limit the number of illegal firearms on the street and ensure that these weapons can be connected to a crime. We are grateful to Attorney General Ellison for his leadership on this issue. This bill is about protecting our residents, supporting first responders, and making all of our communities safer.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SF 3661.

Sincerely,



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