

Everytown for Gun Safety Catherine Tang, Director of Government Affairs, Midwest April 1, 2025

Re: HF 2532

Dear Members of the Minnesota House Public Safety Committee

On behalf of Everytown for Gun Safety and its grassroots networks of Moms Demand Action and Students Demand action, this letter is in opposition to: HF 2532, legislation to gut the Minnesota Community Crime and Violence Prevention account.

Community-based violence intervention programs apply a localized approach to gun violence prevention that are well-suited to address gun violence in disproportionately impacted communities. These programs identify individuals who are at the highest risk of shooting or being shot, and work to reduce violence through targeted interventions. To effectively reduce community violence, it is essential that these programs are funded, and funded sustainably.

HF 2532 will gut the funding passed in 2023 for community-based violence intervention programs and would undermine the ability for such programs to perform lifesaving work. While the federal government is cutting vital public safety funding, it's more important than ever for states to continue to prioritize and support efforts to prevent gun violence in cities and neighborhoods across the state.

Everytown for Gun Safety strongly opposes HF 2532 and any additional attempts to undermine the ability for gun violence prevention efforts to make an impact on public safety in Minnesota. We urge you to please oppose this measure.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Catherine Tang Director of Government Affairs, Midwest Everytown for Gun Safety