



Senate Judiciary Committee
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On behalf of the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus—the trusted voice of Minnesota’s gun owners working to defend and restore the right to keep and bear arms—we respectfully submit this letter in **strong opposition to SF 2320 and SF 3549**.

These bills would repeal Minnesota’s longstanding firearm preemption law and allow counties, cities, and townships to enact their own firearm regulations. This proposal would create significant challenges for law-abiding gun owners who rely on clear and predictable rules when exercising their right to self-defense.

Minnesota operates under a **statewide Permit to Carry system** that establishes uniform standards for individuals exercising their right to carry firearms. This framework ensures that permit holders can confidently travel throughout the state, knowing their rights and obligations without facing unexpected restrictions in different jurisdictions.

SF 2320 and SF 3549 undermine this clarity by exposing permit holders to a patchwork of local firearm ordinances that could vary from city to city. As individuals travel across Minnesota, they could unknowingly violate local laws simply by crossing municipal boundaries.

Fragmented Laws Undermine Public Safety

Allowing local governments to set their own firearm restrictions would create a confusing and inconsistent regulatory environment for both gun owners and law enforcement.

A patchwork of local rules governing possession, carry, storage, and firearm components would make it difficult for responsible citizens to comply with the law and would complicate enforcement efforts for peace officers.

A Practical Example

Our Chair, Bryan Strawser, lives in a Minneapolis suburb and drives roughly ten miles each day to his workplace, traveling through **two counties and five cities**. Along that route, he may stop for coffee, purchase groceries, fuel his vehicle, or drop off his children at activities.

Today, he can confidently navigate these jurisdictions because Minnesota law provides **clear and uniform statewide firearm rules**. If preemption is repealed, he could encounter **seven different sets of firearm regulations in a single trip**. Such a patchwork of laws would make lawful compliance unnecessarily complex and expose responsible citizens to inadvertent legal violations.

Conclusion

SF 2320 and SF 3549 would replace Minnesota’s clear statewide firearm laws with a confusing patchwork of local regulations that undermine legal clarity for gun owners and law enforcement alike.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to **oppose SF 2320 and SF 3549**.

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Chair

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