



Senate Judiciary Committee
March 11, 2026

On behalf of the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus—the trusted voice of Minnesota’s law-abiding gun owners working to defend and restore the right to keep and bear arms—we respectfully submit this letter in **strong opposition to SF 3631**.

SF 3631 would prohibit lawful carry of firearms at the Minnesota State Capitol Complex by individuals who possess a valid Minnesota Permit to Carry and have complied with all state law requirements.

It is already illegal to carry a firearm at the Capitol without a permit, and weapons screening is in place at secured buildings. This proposal does not target violent criminals. **It targets peaceable citizens.**

Minnesota’s Permit to Carry system requires applicants to pass a background check, complete certified training, and meet statutory eligibility requirements. These permit holders are among the most law-abiding segments of the population, as demonstrated by data from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

SF 3631 would strip these vetted citizens of their right to self-defense precisely where they gather to petition their government.

The Minnesota State Capitol Complex is the center of civic participation.

It is where Minnesotans attend hearings, testify before committees, meet with legislators, and exercise their First Amendment rights. Peaceable citizens should not be required to surrender their right to self-defense to engage with their government.

Lawful permit holders attending hearings and meetings with legislators have not been the source of disorder at the Capitol. Restricting their rights does nothing to address those who would ignore the law.

Those intent on violence do not follow location-based prohibitions. Such restrictions disarm only law-abiding citizens.

The Second Amendment does not disappear when citizens enter government-owned public buildings. Law-abiding Minnesotans should not be forced to choose between exercising their constitutional right to participate in the democratic process and exercising their constitutional right to self-defense.

SF 3631:

- Disarms law-abiding permit holders
- Restricts self-defense at the seat of public participation
- Does nothing to stop violent criminals

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to **vote NO on SF 3631**.

Sincerely,
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Chair

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