



From Athena Adkins and Kate Havelin, Board Chairs, Protect Minnesota

It is with sadness and gratitude that the Board of Directors announces Reverend Nancy Nord Bence's departure as Executive Director of Protect Minnesota. Since 2016, Nancy has played a critical role in the development and success of the organization. We will miss her and her inspiring leadership very much. We wish her much success in her future endeavors. We want to thank her for the four years of dedicated service which involved the incredible stabilization and growth of the organization.

It is clear that the work of passing legislation to reduce gun violence is more important than ever and that it will take the efforts of so many of us. As part of the movement of people working on this issue, we are committed to ensuring Protect Minnesota remains an effective advocate, educator and convenor. To achieve those goals, we will be conducting a search to find the new Protect Minnesota Executive Director. During this transition period, it is our priority to find the best individual to lead, while still maintaining a stable and effective organization. We will share the job announcement soon and ask for your help in identifying candidates who can help Protect Minnesota continue along this successful trajectory.

Again, we cannot thank Nancy enough for the dedication, passion, enthusiasm and motivation she has given Protect Minnesota. She will be missed by the staff, Board, members and partners alike, and we look forward to following the success of her career.

We are also hopeful and excited for the next chapter of Protect Minnesota as we continue to work to end gun violence. If you have any questions or concerns during this transition process, please do not hesitate to reach out to Kate at katehavelin2017@gmail.com or Athena at athena@betterworldpartnersmn.com.

Sincerely,

Athena Adkins and Kate Havelin, Chairs, Board of Directors, Protect Minnesota