



MAKING UP FOR LOST TIME: A MINNESOTA AGENDA FOR REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE

Background Checks and Permits for ALL Gun Sales

Background Checks and Permits for ALL Gun Sales were passed by the Minnesota Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Walz

Comprehensive background checks will prevent prohibited buyers from purchasing a gun. Now law, this legislation would close the loophole that allowed those who couldn't legally purchase a gun from doing so anyway from a private dealer.

92% of Minnesotans support background checks on firearm purchases
80% of gun owners *strongly* support them

2,270 gun sales were denied in MN in 2021 under the previous system that doesn't require background checks.*

Now law, Minnesota will require people who buy guns in private sales to undergo background checks or present transfer permits.

Studies show that permit-to-purchase requirements in addition to background checks are associated with a reduction in gun violence.**

Studies have shown that in Connecticut, a state that has a permit-to-purchase law, firearm homicides have decreased by 40% and suicide rates have decreased by 15% because of these laws.

A combination of these two laws helps monitor and keep guns out of the hands of those who shouldn't be in possession of them.

*2020-2021 NICS Operations Report. (2020). Federal Bureau of Investigation. <https://www.fbi.gov/file-repository/nics-2020-2021-operations-report.pdf/view> (2,270 denials in 2021)

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