Minnesota Gun Violence Prevention Goals; 2026 Legislative Session

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Significant progress has been made in recent years to make Minnesota a safer place to live and raise a family. Lawmakers have passed long-overdue gun violence prevention measures, and after a summer of senseless gun violence in our state, our coalition is ready to continue to support any efforts to save lives.

Below is the list of priorities that our Gun Violence Prevention Coalition is advocating in the 2026 Legislative Session.

Key Priorities

Issue 1

Assault Weapons Ban and High Capacity Magazine Ban

- 2026 AWB Authors: Mohamed, Greenman
- 2026 HCMB Authors: Mohamed (same bill in Senate), Tabke
- 2025 Senate Working Language

Communities across Minnesota are demanding action to address the epidemic of gun violence, and banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines is a critical step forward. These weapons of war are designed to inflict maximum harm in seconds, turning everyday places like schools, workplaces, houses of worship, and neighborhood gatherings into scenes of tragedy. High-capacity magazines only amplify that danger by allowing shooters to fire dozens of rounds without reloading, increasing casualties and limiting opportunities for victims to escape or for bystanders to intervene.

Issue 2

Safe Storage

- 2026 Authors: Gustafson, House TBD
- 2025 Senate Working Language
- 2024 Language: SF4312/HF4300

Unsecured guns pose clear safety risks, particularly to children. When guns are not stored safely or securely and they are accessible to unsupervised minors, the risk of death or injury significantly increases. Hundreds of thousands of firearms are also stolen from homes, vehicles, and individuals each year, funneling guns into an underground market where many of them are sold to people who use them to commit violent crimes. This bill builds on Minnesota's current law, improving child access prevention and other unauthorized access, and also better defines what methods of storage are acceptable.

Issue 3

Security at the Capitol

- Status: Bills need to be introduced and recommendations need to officially be made

Our coalition will be strongly supportive of additional security enhancements at the Capitol. We are supportive of recommendations made by ACCAS, and are also supportive of adding new screening at points of entry as recommended by a third-party security audit. Above all, however, we strongly support a comprehensive ban on firearms at Capitol Complex facilities.

Additional Priorities

Issue 4

Lost & Stolen

- 2026 Authors: Westlin, House TBD
- 2024 Authors: Westlin, Her
- 2024 Language SF606/HF601

Every year, hundreds of thousands of guns are lost or stolen in America, with one gun stolen from an individual owner every two minutes. Stolen guns can be diverted to the illegal gun market, where they are used to fuel crime across the country. Lost and stolen reporting laws help reduce gun trafficking by requiring individuals to report loss or theft to law enforcement shortly after discovering it.

Issue 5

Regulating Ghost Guns

- 2026 Authors: Latz, House TBD
- 2025 Senate Working Language

Ghost guns, unserialized, untraceable firearms often assembled from kits or 3D-printed parts, pose a growing threat to public safety. Because they lack serial numbers, these weapons are nearly impossible for law enforcement to trace, making them attractive to individuals who are legally prohibited from possessing firearms and to those seeking to evade accountability. As ghost guns become more common at crime scenes, they undermine background check laws and weaken efforts to prevent gun violence.

Issue 6

Reenactment of Binary Trigger Ban

- 2026 Authors: Gustafson, House TBD
- 2025 Working Senate Language
- 2024 Language: SF5153/HF2609

Binary triggers significantly increase the rate of fire of a firearm by allowing a round to be discharged both when the trigger is pulled and when it is released. This functionally mimics automatic fire while skirting existing laws. These devices are designed to maximize lethality, not for hunting or self-defense, and they dramatically increase the risk to bystanders and first responders.

Issue 7

Office of Gun Violence Prevention

- 2026 Authors: Mann, House TBD
- 2025 Senate Working Language
- 2024 Language: SF4911

13 states have created such an office and would be an integral part of our work to combat gun violence in Minnesota. We believe the creation of an Office of Gun Violence Prevention (OGVP) will help streamline efforts across state government and with community partners to effectively support the most at-risk individuals and communities in preventing and responding to instances of gun violence. In the creation of this Office, we would ask that we remove the prohibition

placed on the Commissioner of Health to collect any data related to individuals regarding lawful firearm ownership. While we still are open to this being created within the Administration, we will support any legislative efforts to make this Office a reality.

Issue 8

Advancing Efforts to Enable Medicaid to Support Violence Prevention Services

Community firearm violence is a public health crisis that reaches across all levels of the socioeconomic spectrum. While the financial cost of firearm injuries is insurmountable, this violence hurts community safety and wellbeing. According to the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention (HAVI), 2/3rds of gunshot victims are on Medicaid or uninsured nationwide. Our coalition will do what it can to highlight DHS's report and recommendations after the 2024 Study Bill was passed.

Issue 9

Preventing Domestic Violence Firearm Tragedies

Our coalition will support initiatives that are aimed at addressing domestic violence tragedies that are perpetrated by firearms. While laws often prohibit individuals from possessing firearms, it is critical that these provisions are enforced. Our coalition hopes to see legislation crafted in response to the 2025 report generated by the Task Force on Domestic Violence and Firearm Surrender, including a statewide firearm surrender board and strengthening statute related to domestic violence compliance hearings.

Issues 10

Addressing Bulk Firearm Purchasing

Minnesota has no law restricting sales or purchases of multiple firearms, and also considers the transfer of any number of firearms as a single transfer. Addressing and adding regulation around bulk firearm purchases is an effective tool to reduce gun trafficking and will undoubtedly prevent bad actors from stockpiling firearms. According to the National Institute of Justice, 20%-25% of handguns used at a crime scene were originally purchased as part of a bulk sale.

Issue 11

Industry Accountability

- Status: 2024 House Author Rep. Pinto, never introduced

A federal gun industry immunity law adopted in 2005 slams courtroom doors shut on many civil claims against the gun industry. Some victims of gun violence and attorneys general offices have found state avenues to seek accountability, justice, and compensation for harms caused by wrongful gun industry conduct, although often after years of long and painful litigation to affirm their right to sue the gun industry under exceptions to state and federal gun industry immunity laws.

Issue 12

Increasing Public Awareness of ERPO

In conjunction with Governor Walz's Executive Order 25-12 issued in December, our coalition supports any legislative action that would bolster efforts to increase public awareness around the 2023 Extreme Risk Protection Order law. Since its creation, this new law has been effective

in saving lives, utilized primarily by law enforcement entities, and the hopes of a public awareness campaign would increase the level of public participation.

Adjacent Issues

Our coalition understands that addressing the epidemic of gun violence will take a wide-ranging approach. While we believe that firearms must be the center of our conversations and efforts, we are prepared and willing to support other good-faith legislative efforts that seek to save lives.

School Safety

Our coalition will support targeted investments that keep students safe in their classrooms. Financial resources should be directed toward proven, preventive measures that create safe learning environments where students can thrive.

Mental Health Resources

Investing in mental health resources is important in keeping students, families, and communities safe and supported. Dedicated funding for school counselors, social workers, psychologists, and community-based mental health services helps identify challenges early, connect students and community members with care, and prevent crises before they escalate.

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