

**Testimony on HB 1304
22 January 2021**

My name is Cheryl Biller, from Fargo. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into your deliberations on HB 1304 – I ask that you give this bill a do NOT pass recommendation.

This bill is clearly an attempt to chip away at responsible gun safety protections. Removing any restrictions on when a person may carry a gun seems a naked attempt to push an agenda that would allow guns in all places at all times. Simply carrying around an unloaded gun serves no purpose except to make a show of force that serves only to escalate rather than de-escalate tensions in our communities.

80% of Americans support common sense rules concerning when and where a person may carry a firearm. 100% of Americans will see this for what it is – one step closer to removing all restrictions on firearms in public and an increase in gun violence in our schools, grocery stores, churches, public squares, and even in our homes.

I appreciate your careful deliberation of this bill, and ask you for a DO NOT PASS vote.

Cheryl Biller