

## **Regarding HB 1339**

Energy and Natural Resources, Representative Todd Porter, chair

From Cheryl Biller, volunteer with Moms Demand Action ND

I speak in opposition to this bill.

The most recent nationally representative survey found that approximately 380,000 guns are stolen from private gun owners every year. Gun owners were three times more likely to have a gun stolen if they carried a gun in the last month compared to gun owners who did not carry. Research tells us that nearly 1 in 4 stolen guns are taken from cars and other vehicles.

The number of guns stolen from cars nearly doubled between 2006 and 2015, and the ATF reports that nearly 60,000 guns are trafficked across state lines each year, most of which flow from states with weaker guns laws to states with tougher laws.

These stolen guns undermine the enforcement of our gun laws and often end up in the possession of someone who was legally prohibited from having guns.

Our communities are less safe when we weaken gun laws and allow more guns in more places and I urge a DO NOT PASS recommendation.