

Testimony in Opposition to HB 1411

My name is Cheryl Biller and I live in Fargo.

This bill is dangerous to public safety. Consider this:

Since Indiana passed an Extreme Risk Protection law, the suicide rate in the state decreased 7.5%. In Connecticut, there has been a 14% reduction in suicide. The ability of law enforcement and loved ones to use due process to temporarily remove firearms from the possession of a person at risk has proven to save lives. These laws have been passed in 21 states and DC where legislators were wise enough to understand and implement data driven solutions like these.

The shooting of Officer Jake Wallin happened a few blocks from my home. In the aftermath of that tragic shooting, it was shown that the shooter had demonstrated signs of mental instability and that law enforcement was aware of the arsenal he had in his residence. Had a law like you want to ban been in place, Officer Wallin would still be on the job.

We will be neither more free nor more safe if you enact this ban.

Please give HB 1411 a Do Not Pass recommendation.