First Name	Last Name	Written testimony
Amy	Walstien	Dear Lieutenant Governor Flanagan and members of the Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security, On behalf of our more than 600 registered lobbyist members, the Minnesota Governmental Relations Council (MGRC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the Advisory Committee as it considers recommendations to enhance Capitol safety and security. In the wake of the tragic events of June 14 and, more recently, the unauthorized access of the Capitol building, MGRC is encouraged that the ACCAS, in partnership with legislative leaders and state agencies, is proactively exploring strategies to improve security for the Capitol and its surrounding area. Like legislators, staff, and other daily stakeholders, MGRC as an organization rents space as tenants within the Capitol building year-round and our members are present in the building throughout the legislative session and during the interim and play a vital role in the advocacy and lawmaking process. Ensuring the safety and security of all who work in and visit the Capitol is essential to preserving a functional, open, and democratic institution. As the ACCAS considers potential changes, we respectfully urge the Committee and its partners to strike an appropriate balance between implementing meaningful, effective security measures and preserving the ability of registered lobbyists to maintain secure, efficient access to the building. Registered lobbyists are integral participants in the legislative process, and any new security protocols should safeguard both public safety and the transparency, accessibility, and engagement that are hallmarks of our democracy. MGRC stands ready to be a constructive partner in this important work. We welcome the opportunity to provide input on proposed changes, share the perspectives of our members, and collaborate on solutions that protect the Capitol while maintaining its accessibility. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our views, and for your ongoing commitment to ensuring a safe and secure environment for all who serve and engage in Minnesota's democratic process. Sincerely, Amy Walstien President Minnesota Governmental Relations Council
Rick	Heller	8-17-2025Requesting All Advisory Committee on Capitol Security(ACCAS)8-22-25Handouts posted Timely Fully Accessable.Keep All Messages As Strings.PosThis messages location At your non linking Documents* Follows: https://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/accas/ACCAS-Public-Agenda-08-20-25.pdf Second Request. Keep All Strings(YouResponces) Together Location*. Thank you RiCk Again Unofficially Representing Print Related Abilities(Sec. 203B.29 Subd.2 Minnesota Statutes... https://share.google/uARex9JW2wA3SPA9j Cc Self or mnriCk@mninter.net
fred	Bloggs	Being a retired Capitol Security Officer I am ashamed to say I once was one. Sadly, it has become such a mess where they hire anyone. Just look at the most recent Job posting where it lists the position is 700 Connect Eligible. Do you really want someone with the disabilities listed below. Autism Bipolar disorder Blindness Cerebral palsy Deafness Epilepsy Intellectual disability orcognitive disability Major depressive disorder Mobility disabilitiesrequiring the use of awheelchair or otherpersonal mobility devices Multiple sclerosis Muscular dystrophy Partially or completely missinglimbs Post-traumatic stress disorder Schizophrenia mobility devices protecting the people working and visiting the Capitol Complex which pre-covid totaled around 13,000 people a day during session. Sadly, they are hiring off the street warm bodies who don't actually look good, kid of like the 75-year-old hunchback who works at the veteran services building who could not get on the ground to perform CPR or deliver Narcan if his life depended on it. Also, what is with one day DPS oversees Capitol Security then the next day it is the MN State Patrol. I do believe in MN Statute 299D.06 PATROL EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOT TROOPERS. Clearly states that the only unsworn employees of the MN Patrol are Commercial vehicle inspectors. Then 299E.01 CAPITOL COMPLEX SECURITY DIVISION. It Reads "Subdivision 1. Created; director. A division in the Department of Public Safety to be known as the Capitol Complex Security Division is under the supervision and control of the director of Capitol complex security, who must be a member of the State Patrol and to whom are assigned the duties and responsibilities described in this section. The commissioner may place the director's position in the unclassified service if the position meets the criteria of section 43A.08, subdivision 1a."But yet there is nothing about who that Director reports too! Prior to 2024 it stated that the Director reported directly to the Commissioner of DPS!! So, who is on first? Who is ultimately responsible for Capitol Security the MN State Patrol or the Commissioner of DPS? Then I have to ask about all the Troopers on Complex and what are they doing there as looking back at the Transportation budget since Capitol Security were put on that budget why is the law being contradicted as in the Transportation budget lines 18.30 C thru 19.10 clearly states "18.30 (c) Capitol Security 18.31 This appropriation is from the general fund. 18.32 The commissioner must not: 18 Article 1 Sec. 4. REVISOR KRB/ES 25-05709 06/08/25 19.1 (1) spend any money from the trunk highway 19.2 fund for capitol security; or 19.3 (2) permanently transfer any state trooper from 19.4 the patrolling highways activity to capitol 19.5 security. 19.6 The commissioner must not transfer any 19.7 money appropriated to the commissioner under 19.8 this section: 19.9 (1) to capitol security; or 19.10 (2) from capitol security. So, who is paying for all the nice unmarked which are now going to be marked cars etc. And why are the troopers being transferred from the road? At the end of the Day, you may have a director who took a degree in Security at the U but has no actual security experience! Also, if the MN Capitol Security Division as defined in 299E.01 is not a part of the MN State Patrol, why did the Patrol take away their handcuffs and batons away from them so they could get their CALEA accreditation? They are not a division of the patrol and without the tools cannot effectively do anything other than get paid $66,000 a year to give directions! That is a very expensive Customer service position! Which as a taxpayer I feel it is a waste of my taxes as a taxpayer. Capitol security Officers got a large increase in pay in 2019 due to a Hay Study that figured in their Duties and were compensated as such. Now the duties have been taken away how can the pay be justified?
Bryan	Strawser	I oppose any prohibition on peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry from carrying firearms at the Minnesota State Capitol Complex. Permit holders commit crimes at a rate less than that of law enforcement in Minnesota - and certainly less than current and recent DFL members of the Minnesota State Senate. It is already a crime to carry firearms at the State Capitol Complex without a permit. If weapons screening is implemented, Minnesota should follow the approach of Texas and other states and allow permit holders to bypass the screening and continue to carry firearms for self-defense. Bryan Strawser Chair, Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus
Mike	Monson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Anthony	Shannon	Please provide better security at our state capitol. In a way that does not take away our 2nd amendment rights. Leave our rights alone! Please.

Troy	Emerson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Brian	Bean	I am opposed to disarming law abiding people anywhere, as you will never remove a gun from a criminal with words.
Greg	Ross	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
James	Olcott	Why ban guns when a gun doesn't kill anyone? It is the idiot behind the gun pulling the trigger. I have grown up with guns for 60 years and my guns have never killed anyone. Please don't ban guns. You need to take care of the human problem.
Chris	Boerner	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.We with permits provide the capitol with added security with the Officers posted there.
Adam	DeCock	I am opposed to disarming law abiding citizens. Concealed carry holders go through training and work hard to earn the privilege of doing so. Disarming them will not stop people with bad intentions of breaking the law.
Kerry	Palmer	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Danny	Todd	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Dan	Osiecki	Start enforcing the current laws instead of making yourself feel good about creating new one. By not enforcing the laws you are an enabler. Almost all laws only affect law abiding citizens that you are working for. Criminals are criminals because they break a law. If they want to do something, a law is not going to stop them, they already feel they are above the law.
Larry	Bye	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
John	Onnen	The State Capitol Complex is the property of "The People" and should be open to all Minnesotans with Permits to Carry. I am opposed to any legislation that would limit the ability to carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Donald	Doroff	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex"
Joe	Moore	Please do not disarm responsable citizens who carry for self protection.
Gary	Rotegard	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Gun Free Zones are easy targets for mass murderers. It's a no brainer!
Larry	Smith	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution is A right, unlike a privilege, is inherent and not contingent on government approval. The Second Amendment's language is clear: the right "shall not be infringed," indicating it exists independently of state permission. This aligns with the Founding Fathers' intent, as articulated in historical writings like those of James Madison and Thomas Jefferson, who viewed an armed populace as essential for preserving liberty and guarding against tyranny. The Federalist Papers, particularly No. 46, emphasize the people's ability to resist oppressive government through arms as a core check on power.The Supreme Court has reinforced this interpretation. In District of Columbia v. Heller (2008), the Court ruled that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to possess firearms for self-defense, unconnected to militia service. McDonald v. City of Chicago (2010) further clarified that this right applies to state and local governments through the Fourteenth Amendment, cementing its status as a fundamental right akin to free speech or due process.Opponents often argue that the amendment's militia clause limits its scope or that modern conditions justify restrictions, framing gun ownership as a privilege subject to regulation. However, the historical context—rooted in Enlightenment principles of individual liberty and distrust of centralized power—supports the view that the right predates and transcends government control. The phrase "the right of the people" mirrors language in other amendments, consistently denoting individual protections.Privileges, like driving or voting, can be revoked or conditioned by the state. Rights, by contrast, are inalienable, though not absolute—courts have upheld limited regulations (e.g., background checks) that don't unduly burden the core right. The Second Amendment's placement in the Bill of Rights, alongside freedoms of speech and religion, underscores its status as a foundational guarantee, not a government-granted favor.In short, the Second Amendment enshrines a pre-existing right to keep and bear arms, rooted in the principles of individual liberty and self-defense, not a privilege subject to arbitrary state control. Its enduring relevance reflects the Founders' belief that an armed citizenry is a bulwark against oppression. The Second Amendment protects the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, not a privilege subject to government whim. Focusing on criminals, rather than restricting the rights of the law-abiding, better aligns with this principle. Punishing those who misuse firearms—through enforcement of existing laws against murder, robbery, or assault—targets the root of gun-related crime without infringing on the constitutional protections of responsible citizens.Criminals, by definition, disregard laws, so piling on more regulations for the law-abiding often misses the mark. Data from the FBI's 2023 Uniform Crime Report shows that violent crime, including gun-related offenses, is concentrated among repeat offenders, with over 60% of murders committed by individuals with prior criminal records. Programs like Project Safe Neighborhoods, which focus on prosecuting felons possessing firearms, have reduced violent crime in targeted areas by up to 20%, per DOJ studies, without burdening law-abiding gun owners.The Second Amendment's intent, as seen in writings from Madison and Jefferson, was to ensure individuals could defend themselves and resist tyranny, not to enable criminality. Courts, like in Heller (2008), affirm this individual right for self-defense. Restricting law-abiding citizens—through blanket bans or excessive regulations—disarms those least likely to commit crimes, while criminals, undeterred by laws, remain armed. For example, cities with strict gun laws, like Chicago, still see high gun crime rates
Chris	LaBelle	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Any law that gets passed only affects the law abiding. A person intending to do harm, will not stop because they can't bring arms into the Capitol Complex. This could also make the Capitol Complex a soft target encouraging criminals. Thank you.
Mike	Paulsen	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Roger	Oettinger	Please we don't need any stupid gun control.
Kurt	LaLuzerne	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Eric	Danielson	Do not restrict law abiding citizens their constitutional right to defend themselves on the state capitol grounds. Minnesota needs to return to upholding its laws, not removing rights from its citizens
Philip	Torborg	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Dustin	Lozinski	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. "Shall not be infringed" in Ammendment II of our US Constitution is pretty clear. "No member of this state shall be disfranchised or deprived of any of the rights or privileges secured to any citizen thereof..." in Article 1 Section 2 of the Minnesota Constitution is pretty clear. Swearing an oath as a public servant to the Minnesota and US Constitution is pretty clear. Serve the People. Nothing more, nothing less.
Ryan	Larson	I oppose disarming legal persons to carry with a permit on the capital grounds. Taking the ability to protect oneself is unlawful and illegal.
Justin	Underwood	It's unconstitutional to ban guns at the capitol. These laws only affect law abiding citizens. Those looking to do harm will not csre about your ban.
James	Bengtson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. I should not have to trade my personal safety as a lawful Minnesotan for anyone's perceived safety.
sheila	luden	"I am opposed to disarming law abiding, peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex". This would be punishing those who are well trained and who abide by the law from exercising their rights. Only punish and restrict the rights of criminals.
Steven	Holt	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Sandra	Bengtson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex"
Stephen	Gulbrandsen	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Gail	Moe	As a law abiding citizen, you have no right under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights to stop me from carrying in the the Capital complex.
James	Hesselgrave	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Robert	Newman	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Chance	Flemming	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.

Robert	Van Cleve	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Failed Democrat policies have left Minnesota cities unsafe to live in or even travel through, most especially, the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area. In order to protect myself and family I have made the choice to carry a firearm and did what was required in order to obtain a Carry Permit. I should not have to give up the right to do so at the Minnesota State Capitol. Leaving a firearm in a vehicle and risking it being stolen should be more of a concern than being in the possession of an honest law-abiding citizen at any location. (600+ automobile break-ins in a month).
Michael	Perry	It is very important that peaceable citizens with permits to carry not be disarmed at the State Capital. We are in MORE danger if this happens not less. Thank you.
Diane	Phelps	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Breck	Wilaon	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Jeremy	Atkinson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Like many areas in MN over the last few years, lawlessness has run rampant due to politicians demonizing of law enforcement and general lack of care over public safety, the area around the capitol complex is no different. Peaceable Minnesotans should be able to visit our state capitol with the ability to defend themselves if necessary. It is outrageous that the same politicians hand-wringing over THEIR safety have the audacity to tell the average Minnesotan their personal safety doesn't matter.
Thulr	Odinsson	Banning firearms on State Capitol grounds only prevents those who actually follow the law from protecting themselves and others. Gun Ban Zones are basically shooting galleries for those who wish harm on innocent people, because you remove the need for concern over possible retaliation from the intended victims. Banning firearms on capitol grounds would thus place everyone in the buildings in greater danger, especially during such politically violent times.
James	Fontaine	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Douglas	Wanderer	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Don	Marte	"I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex"
Michael	Hugger	I am opposed to disarming peaceable, law abiding Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Zachary	Heurung	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Paul	Petersen	I am absolutely opposed to a ban of legal firearms from the capital
Richard	Jacobs	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Laws that disarm law abiding citizens do not stop criminals from committing crimes.
paul	watt	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. I firmly believe doing so would not make Minnesotans safer in any way and would only accomplish making law abiding Minnesotans more vulnerable and less safe.
Scott	Jester	More anti gun bills are not the answer. Let's try enforcing the laws we already have.
Gene	Waterworth	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Ivan	Sovostyanov	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. It is our god given/birth right to defend ourself with the means necessary and proportionate to what vigilantes have. Criminals do not follow laws, thus most mass shootings happen in gun free zones where criminals know people will be defenseless. Make Capitol Hill one of the zones will only bring negative effects to the matter.
Clinton	Dodd	There is no need to disarm peaceful, responsible, and law-abiding Minnesotans with valid permits to carry at the State Capitol. We have passed background checks and have been vetted by the state. Seldom - if ever - are we the people causing any problems in Minnesota or anywhere in the United States for that matter.
Loretta	Smith	"I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex"
Chris	Beran	I am opposed to disarming peaceful Minnesota citizens with a permit to carry at the state capitol complex. As the second amendment says shall not be infringed. Thank you
John	Erickson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesota residents with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Improving security and safety does not, and should not include limiting the rights of law abiding individuals.
Kurt	Hollanitsch	This will do nothing to stop a person that intends to do harm to people at the Capitol. How clueless can these kaw makers be?
Howard	Fleury	I am opposed to disarming law-abiding citizens who have a legal right to carry a firearm (Minnesota Permit to Carry) at the State Capitol Complex.
Mark	Shafer	"I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex"
Jeffery	Bryan	I oppose prohibiting peaceable, law abiding citizens from carrying CCW tools at the Capitol.
Eric	Inman	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex, This is a direct affront to our founding fathers original intent.
Hal	Nelson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Allen	Miller	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Please continue to allow law abiding citizens to exercise their constitutional rights as the second amendment guarantees.
Richard	Gustafson	I oppose any gun ban!
Eugene	Kalway	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. This is an empty measure since the attack of our representatives happened at their homes and not at the capitol. This unnecessary move would have made no difference on June 14th.
Tim	Plocienik	People that are holders of a Concealed Carry Permit have completed and passed a very intensive background check. Why should they be discriminated from their constitutional right to self defense?
Aaron	Palmer	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Recent events involving attacks on lawmakers off of capital grounds does not reflect the intentions of law abiding citizens, nor does it warrant an infringement on their liberty. There is no better deterrent to violence than an educated and armed public.
Jan	Antinozzi	I am opposed to any law or policy that would prevent citizens from carrying protective firearms on the Capitol grounds. Criminals don't observe such boundaries and it is the right of every citizen to protect themselves from random or targeted attacks. Thank you.
Charles	Schaefer	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Paul	Blain	I am opposed to the disarming of peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol / Campus.
Artem	Melnik	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. One crazy lunatic should not be the reason to strip law abiding citizens of their constitutionally protected right to carry and bear arms, especially in the State Capitol which belongs to WE the people.
Keith	Semmler	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Alexander	Smith	The Capitol of Minnesota is a part of the US and thus is under the jurisdiction of the Constitution. No gun bans of any kind are acceptable.
Robyn	Hasbargen	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Landon	Vath	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Al	Ebertowski	I am OPPOSED to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with permits to carry at the state capital complex.

Cody	Bleess	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Law abiding citizens should not be punished and made defenseless because of the actions of criminals, and if the end result of criminal acts is making law abiding citizens more vulnerable it will embolden criminals.
vincent	paak	If you ban guns, only criminals will have a free reign on the innocent. If you allow law abiding citizens to carry guns, that will ease the threat of violence by a significant number, especially at the capital.
Mitch	Oman	I am opposed to disarming law abiding citizens who have a constitutional right to bear arms and a permit to carry firearms. Law abiding citizens should be allowed to carry in all public spaces including the state capitol.
Kenneth	Haubrich	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Mike	Gangestad	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with a Permit to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Aaron	Hilde	I oppose disarming the citizens of Minnesota because of one lunatic's actions. Any disarmament like this is in direct violation of the 2nd amendment of the Constitution of the United States.
Gary	Hokanson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Phil	Rokke	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Norman	Lehn	I see NO reason that law abiding people in Minnesota should have to give up rights because of the actions of others. Thank-you
Don	Voit	Please keep the carry laws in place at the capitol.
Raymond	Prettner	This isn't about safety at all. There has never been a shooting at the capital, most likely never will be. This is all about control and always will be when it comes to a certain political party.
Jason	Beckman	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. This is a clear and blatant violation of second amendment rights, and should be rejected entirely. It is more important than ever for good, law abiding citizens to have the ability to defend themselves and their neighbors from evil people. Those evil people will never abide by proposed restrictions no matter how stern the consequences.
C. A.	Cassell	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Tom	Jestus Sr	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans to carry at the Capitol Complex.
Austin	Harris	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with permits to carry at the state capitol complex. Minnesota Permit to Carry holders are by and large more law abiding than the general public and even more so than many public servants paid to create and uphold the laws. Bad actors do not follow the law, and will ignore any laws passed, all any new rules or laws will do is disarm peaceable Minnesotans and stop them from defending themselves.
Curtis	Kuecker	There are no exclusions written into the 2nd amendment. The state has given the right to carry. When that right was given there is nothing on the permit restricting where you are allowed to carry. You can define restrictions within your own home but in a public setting the rules apply to all.
Taylor	Jones	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Mike	Gavin	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Troy	Johnson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Tyler	Staples	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Lawfully permitted gun owners are not a threat to security and, in fact, make us all safer.
Pete	Schlosser	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. No-carry zones put a target on everyone's back.
Jason	Swan	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Jeffrey	Cater	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. The incident you are scared of happened off of the capitol complex. Changing the law would have made no difference to what happened to the Hortmans.
Erich	Duerr	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Disarming peaceful law abiding citizens will do nothing to prevent criminals from not obeying laws.
Robert	Kaiser	No gun ban or restrictions. Leave our 2nd amendment alone!
Joseph	Jelovnik	I am writing to let you know that i am apposed to any legislation being passed that would disarm concealed carry holders within the Capital Complex.
Jeffrey	Smith	If I was a betting man, I would wager my last dollar that both parties of this shooting tragedy wished they had a firearm in their hands during that early morning nightmare. I would never go to my front door at that time of day without one. Criminals target soft targets and it's obvious both residencies were at the time. Let's not make the Capital one of those.
Jim	Morin	I do not agree with disarming law abiding citizens with a permit to carry to enter the Minnesota capitol.
Susan	Beulke	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans who have permits to carry at our State Capitol Complex.
Caleb	None of your busin	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Chris	Kantorowicz	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
David	Wetzel	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. The horrific shootings of the Hortmans and Hoffmans certainly highlights the problems with political violence and the state of affairs in this country, but the problem is NOT peaceful, law abiding Minnesotans exercising a constitutional right. There has never been an act of violence in a state capital in this country perpetuated by a lawful conceal carrier. Additionally, gun free zones become attractions for those determined to commit these terrible acts of violence. By restricting the rights of Minnesotans who wish to lawfully carry at the capitol, you would also be restricting the rights of these Minnesotans to come to the capitol to engage with lawmakers as intended, or simply just come to the capitol to enjoy the history, art, and sights. Disarming law abiding citizens has never been a productive solution to the violence committed by those who disregard the laws and rights of others. Do not trample on our rights under the guise of security theater, as no "gun free zone" has ever proven to be truly a secure, gun free zone. This is not the solution.
Mark	Bauer	The best world we could have would be an army of responsible, conscientious people walking around everywhere with the intension of protecting themselves, there families and other innocent bystanders if a person would show up intended to do harm.
Shannon	Sivertsen	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Jennifer	Jaspersen	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Please remember the 2nd Amendment of the United States of America. "...shall not be infringed." Thank you.
None of your busin	None of your busin	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Tom	Woessner	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Joan	Woessner	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
TODD	PARKOS	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
LINDA	MARTIN	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex!
Kevin	Crystal	Please do not ban law abiding permit holders from carrying in the state capitol complex. They have not been a problem from the start of the P2C law and will continue to not be a problem. A ban would require people be disarmed going to and from the capitol, including at night, when risk of criminal attacks are heightened.
Nick	Cairns	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Period.
Keith	Granholm	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Cabot	Welchlin	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with permits to carry at the State Capitol complex.

Dana	Nelson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Since Minnesota requires a Permit to Carry all banned places for firearms should be repealed. It is already illegal for a non-permitted person to have a firearm anywhere in public in Minnesota. Banning the people who have paid for a class and a Permit to Carry from carrying in public does not improve security anywhere in the State and actually makes it less safe.
Matthew	McNearney	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Scott	Hollerud	I am strongly opposed to disarming and restricting peaceable Minnesotan's from the state capitol who have received their Permit to Carry and wish to exercise their 2nd Amendment rights.
Jeff	Lyter	I am opposed to disarming peaceable law-abiding Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
James	Bryant	"I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex"
Robin	Bryant	"I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex"
Jim	King	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Randal	Barnes	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Allowing law abiding citizens to carry makes everyone safer. Disarming them does just the opposite.
Nathan	Johnson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Lyle	Bye	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Darla	Hanson	I am apposed of disarming the American people. I'm not a gun owner but I believe it's a constitutional amendment right to arm our selves against anyone that shows harm to mankind.
Joe	Collins	I am a law-abiding Minnesotan of 48 years and oppose any ban on the legal carry of firearms in the Capitol or on the Capitol grounds. Thank you.
Michael	Wencl	I am strongly opposed to disarming peaceable law-abiding Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Scot	Mahan-Miller	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol, we have jumped through all the hoops, had our backrounds checked, finger prints taken and taken firearms training classes so we know how and how not to handle a firearm. WE are not the ones that you should be worried about.
Steven	Koreltz	As a 30 year law enforcement veteran I can assure you that legal firearm owners are never the problem. Please do not curtail their rights just to get a false sense of security.
Tony	Ladner	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Beth	Ballinger	I am deeply opposed to you prohibiting law abiding citizens from peaceably carrying firearm on capital grounds. This immediately makes the capital a soft target. It is an abridgement of MN citizen 2A rights.
Craig	Burris	Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding the proposed ban on lawful permit holders carrying concealed firearms in the Capitol Area. I respectfully urge the committee to oppose this ban. 1. Law-Abiding Citizens and Public Safety Minnesota's permit-to-carry holders are among the most law-abiding citizens in the state. They undergo background checks and training before being issued a permit. Statistics consistently show that individuals with carry permits commit crimes at a significantly lower rate than the general public. Restricting these individuals does not enhance safety but instead removes a proven layer of responsible self-defense. 2. A Ban Creates Vulnerability, Not Security Criminals, by definition, do not obey laws. A ban on lawful carry in the Capitol Area only disarms those who follow the rules, leaving them defenseless against anyone with malicious intent. A public space like the Capitol should not be a "soft target" where law-abiding people are stripped of their ability to protect themselves and others. 3. Current Law Already Works Minnesota's current permitting system balances individual rights with public safety. There has been no demonstrated public safety issue caused by lawful permit holders carrying in the Capitol. The absence of incidents under the current framework demonstrates that the system is working. 4. Constitutional and Civic Principles The right to keep and bear arms is protected under the U.S. Constitution. Citizens should not lose that right simply by entering their own Capitol grounds. Our government buildings should remain open and accessible to the people without requiring them to forfeit their ability to lawfully defend themselves. A ban on concealed carry by permitted individuals would punish the law-abiding while doing nothing to deter those who would disregard the law. I strongly encourage the committee to reject this proposal and instead continue to focus on policies that hold criminals accountable while respecting the rights and responsibilities of Minnesota's citizens. Thank You, Craig Burris Lakeville, MN
Michael	Gillen	As a Carry Permit Owner, I am opposed to disarming legally carried firearms in the state capitol. Permit owners are not the problem of firearm crime.
Anthony	Bucini	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Craig	Manteuffel	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans
Robert	Reis	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
John	Norblom	I oppose any ban on firearms at the capitol as unconstitutional under the U.S. Constitution. Uphold your oath.
Diane	Kelm	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Marc	DeVarennes	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. I also want a Castle Doctrine law passed and the Duty to Retreat requirement deleted from any rules/laws/statues in the State of Minnesota
Jeff	Nosbush	Dear Capitol Security Advisory Committee Members, I share your concern for personal security for yourselves, your staff and visitors to our Capitol. However, disarming those staff members and other peaceful citizens - and thereby denying them the opportunity to defend themselves - is the wrong approach. So called "gun-free zones" have time and time again proven NOT to be immune from violence.
Katey	Lunden	I oppose disarming lawful permit to carry holders at the capitol. I live in greater MN. I exercise my 2nd amendment rights and I visit the capital. By disarming me, you are forcing me to either, give up my 2nd amendment rights, my right to visit the capital and engage with my representatives there or to leave my firearm in my vehicle were it is vulnerable to theft by a criminal. I do not accept any of these options. Further, I know that legislators carry within the capital. There cannot be a situation in which there is one rule for the law makers and another for the citizens. Thank you.

		It's been proven, time after time, that citizens with permits to carry have been more effective at stopping mass shootings than police have been. So I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Joseph	Kaye	If you want to actually do something, ban gun free zones. All they are is government sponsored murder zones.
Melanie	Piltingsrud	I am opposed to disarming Minnesotans with a permit to carry at the Minnesota state capitol complex. Please vote against all legislation intended to disarm Minnesotans.
		Dr. Committee Members, As you consider policies to keep our capital area secure, please note that banning citizens from carrying firearms would be counterproductive. People who intend to do harm in the capital area would be emboldened by such a policy, not discouraged. Interviews with mass shooters substantiate this reality. Should someone ever decide to perpetuate violence in the capitol area, having a few concealed carry permit holders on the grounds would likely neutralize the threat long before law enforcement could respond... as happens frequently across the country in states that have "shall issue" policies. Thank you for your consideration,
Todd	Britz	Todd A. Britz
Mike	Testa	I am opposed to any new legislation regarding firearms in the capitol complex at this time.
James	Cassidy	I am adamantly opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Jake	Jensen	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Mr..	bear	I live in St.Paul and If you are thinking of banning are sec. amendment right to bear arms in my capital , I am against this , I bring my children to see the capital and history of Mn. and am always carrying,(MY RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS< AND HAVE A PERMIT<AND HAVE BEEN TRAINED) to protect them and others! Don't do it! Mr. BEAR (yes thats my only name.)
Jacob	Erickson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Jeffrey	Denney	I oppose disarming peaceable citizens on state property and buildings. Even more so those who have sought permission from the crown of the state to get a permit to carry concealed. All of which is a violation of the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
Joe	Martin	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Under current Minnesota law, individuals with a valid Minnesota Permit to Carry are allowed to carry firearms at the State Capitol Complex. Removing this right from law-abiding citizens with permits could infringe upon their Second Amendment rights and potentially leave them vulnerable to those who do not respect the law. This position is based on the belief that individuals with permits to carry have shown a commitment to responsible gun ownership through background checks, training, and compliance with the law. Disarming them at a place like the Capitol Complex would not enhance safety but could create a chilling effect on the exercise of constitutional rights and send a message of distrust to law-abiding citizens who choose to carry for self-defense. Instead of restricting the rights of peaceable permit holders, the focus should remain on addressing the root causes of violence and holding those who misuse firearms accountable.
Connor	Daine	I am opposing the proposed ban on the carry of firearms at the capitol by lawful gun owners. As a peaceable citizen who enjoys the fullness of my rights, and desires that all Minnesotans share the same, especially our right to address my government and participate civilly in the legislative process at the capitol, I do not want to be hampered by onerous security burdens especially those that seek to disarm me or my fellow peaceable citizens. The capitol grounds could be covered with state troopers, but on many nights and in many of the surrounding parking places and walks, that makes no difference to the predatory criminal element that acts in the surrounding areas. The carry of firearms at the capitol has not resulted in any increase of violence on said grounds, but the same can't be said for the surrounding area which does not have the same level of security. Minnesotans should be able to defend themselves effectively wherever they go in the state of Minnesota, and that includes our beloved capitol building. Thank you for your consideration.
William	Turcotte	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
MARK	MURRAY	Citizens should not be disarmed to travel ior visit piblic spaces, Until the law changes armed can show ID and permits to security.
Sheila	Anderson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capital Complex.
Fred	Guercio	I & Family are opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Liberals see they are about to loose elections across the USA and in our great state of MN. Do not support metal detectors, more airport type infractions against the citizens (the bosses). Can burn down MPLS and you leaders & police do nothing to protect the citizens. Now you want citizens to pay $4000 per congress member to protect, after a single incident. Spend your own money, the peoples honey pot is going dry, we cannot afford your waste & abuse. Now would be a good time to pass castle law for citizens, (the bosses) for home, property, work, and car. Then watch the crime numbers fall. This has happened to state after state with crime dropping 60-80% in 2-3 years. YOU bring me shame Fred Guercio
Martin	Theobald	I oppose any infringement of rights protected by the Second Amendment, including bans on arms in the Capitol buildings.
Warner	Gouin	By founder's design, we live in a country where each citizen knows their rights, how to exercise their rights responsibly, and also know when those rights are being infringed upon. Using prudence as a guide, I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex"
Christopher	Winchell	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans at the State Capitol Complex who have legal standing Permits to Carry.
Angel	Winchell	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans, with Permits to Carry, at the State Capitol Complex.

Jayden	Lippy	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans at the State Capitol Complex.
Devin	Winchell	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Mark	Ehlen	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Todd	Brandt	With utmost respect, I as a legal firearms owner OPPOSE banning firearms at the Capitol. Please do not infringe on the rights of law abiding citizens. Thank you.
Ward	Erickson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
MAXWELL	JERGERIAN	I AM OPPOSED TO DISARMING LAWFUL AND PEACEABLY ARMED MINNESOTANS WITH PERMIT TO CARRY AT THE STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX. THE SECOND AMENDMENT IS TIED TO THE FIRST.
Martin	Wick	"I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex"
David	Jennings	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
steve	johnson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
David	Nyman	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Daniel	Edwards	I am opposed to banning peaceable permit holders from carrying at the capital complex.
Robb	Feldhege	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Judy	Peterson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. A ban will not keep legislators safe. It will only serve to take away the rights of peaceable citizens to defend themselves.
Rob	Backmann	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Justin	Dragosani-Branting	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. This is both a liberty and logic issue that should not be swayed by emotion, agenda or motive.
Al	Spannbauer	Now more than ever everyone needs to be able to protect themselves from criminals! Legal carry MUST be allowed!
Patrick	Lehnherr	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Gregory	Kemple	To whom it may concern, It's disturbing when politicians blame Law abiding citizens for acts that criminals with evil in their heart ! You want to put blame at our feet instead of at the shooters feet. The Capitol is the house of the people of Minnesota, not just for the politicians. This horrific crime for which didn't happen in the Capitol, I see no reason why there needs to be a discussion at all. I oppose such a discussion!I See this as an excuse for anti gun agenda to once again attack Minnesotans 2nd amendment rights! Thank you
John	Varner	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. This is a violation of Minnesota State Law.
Joe	Carlson	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex, and I will consider that action a violation of my law makers oath to uphold the Constitution. The lawmakers of this state have no right to disarm me or anyone else while we are in a public place. Not because of the oath they took to uphold the Constitution but because we, the people of this state and these United States, are born with certain inalienable rights given not by man but by God. These rights shall not be infringed. A paper that says a person can't do a certain thing does not restrain that person from doing it. What restrains the person is their will to remain a law-abiding citizen. If a person is not law abiding, they will violate this law/rule without even considering it. Because they have already decided to do something even more unlawful. By disarming those who do seek to obey the law, you disarm yourselves. You disarm those who might stop that person seeking to do harm. So not only is this proposal a violation of your oath of office, it makes you vulnerable to those who would disobey the law, and it is a step towards tyranny. Anytime you restrict or or even complicate, through taxes, rules and permits, our God-given rights protected in our Constitution, you move closer to tyranny, and when tyranny becomes law, rebellion becomes duty. Please don't violate your oath. Let freedom ring and liberty be the rule.
Ben	Moore	I am opposed to banning persons, who have permits to carry, from legally carrying firearms at the MN State Capitol Complex.
Tom	Kohler	Definitely opposed to this. Peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry should be allowed at the State Capitol Complex.
Brad	Kodet	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Michael	Alexander	An armed citizenry is the best defense against a tyrannical government.
Jenny	Cassell	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesota citizens with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Disarming law abiding citizens there would make the grounds a more dangerous place to be.
Virginia	Kodet	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Marc	Olivier	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with valid Permits to Carry at the State Capitol complex. Such a move penalizes and relegates me to status of second-class citizenship for the sole reason of me exercising my Constitutional rights.
Mitch	Klotz	"I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex"
Tom	Heinen	Banning law abiding citizens from protecting themselves against bad actors is an infringement of their 2nd amendment right and is unconstitutional. I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Alois	Kodet	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Jackie	Heinen	Banning law abiding citizens from protecting themselves against bad actors is an infringement of their 2nd amendment right and is unconstitutional. I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Thomas	Bottensek	Like most Minnesotans, I was horrified at the recent killing and shooting of Minnesota lawmakers and their family members. Given the recent events, I understand the desire to increase security to ensure it doesn't happen again, especially on Capitol grounds. I am, however, strongly opposed to restricting the carrying of legal firearms by licensed, law-abiding citizens on Capitol grounds. Restricting that right only creates more opportunity for individuals bent on doing harm to do so unopposed. Allowing licensed, law-abiding citizens to carry on Capital grounds adds to the security of all rather than creating a security risk. I hope you consider that as you move forward.
Tim	Kohler	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. People have a God given right to defend themselves.
Matthew	Vock	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Brian	Menz	"I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex"
David	Nieve	I am opposed to any laws restricting the rights of legal law, abiding citizens to bear and carry arms in the state capital
John	Tobin	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Kymi	Kieffer	My husband and I are opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with permits to carry at the State Capitol Complex. Thank you, William & Kymi Kieffer

Erik	Pakieser	My name is Erik D. Pakieser. I spent close to 20 years in law enforcement and under the Federal Law Enforcement Officers' Safety Act I am authorized to carry a firearm nationwide. I also have a Minnesota Permit to Carry. I am also a veteran of the US Army Military Police and have been a professional firearms instructor for over 30 years. I am the Principal and Owner of QSI Training, and train approx.. 200 students per year in the safe and responsible use of firearms for self-defense. For the past 25 years, I have been employed by the State of Minnesota and one of my job responsibilities is security for an agency with offices in the Capitol Complex. I any statements I make here are my own opinion as a private citizen and not those of my employer. I am a member of the Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus and trust them to represent me. I am contacting you to express my opposition to any firearm bans at the State Capitol or Capitol Complex. My work brings me to the Capitol Complex on a regular basis and I am familiar with security issues at the Capitol. Members of the State Patrol working at the Capitol have stated to me on multiple occasions there has never been an issue with anyone legally carrying a firearm at the Capitol. People who legally carry firearms at the Capitol have been permitted to do so since it was built. I am not indifferent to concerns about security, but creating TSA-style weapons checks to enter the Capitol will not be effective. There are multiple entrances to the Capitol, and closing these entrances to funnel employees and citizens to a crowded and time-consuming checkpoint will not improve security. Furthermore, technology, redesign, maintenance, and personnel costs for such a checkpoint will easily cost millions of dollars at a time when the State is experiencing a multi-billion dollar shortfall. Banning guns in the Capitol would also create legal issues. Under the US Supreme Court "Bruen" ruling, such a prohibition would likely be unconstitutional and result in costly lawsuits. State law would also have to be amended for such a policy to move forward. Last, but not least, such a policy would endanger the safety of our citizens. Crime around the Capitol has been a concern and appears to be increasing. Forcing citizens to store guns in their cars when visiting the Capitol presents opportunities for guns to be stolen, and leaves these citizens stripped of their self-defense tools when visiting the Capitol. To summarize, a Capitol gun ban would inconvenience and discourage citizen participation in the Legislative process, increase the risk of violent crime and vehicle break-ins, be ultimately ineffective in increasing security and be fiscally irresponsible. I am vehemently opposed to any proposal to ban firearms or self-defense weapons at the Capitol, or in the Capitol Complex.
Scott	Nellis	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
Tresa	Hugg	I am opposed to the disarming of peaceful citizens who have a conceal and carry license at the state capitol or anywhere. It is these people who make our environment SAFE!
David	Dvorak	I'm opposed to disarming Peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Perhaps enforcing the current laws would be more prudent.
Dorothy	Poverud	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex
Jay	Saunders	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. This is an unfair and partisan attempt to curb the 2nd Amendment in Minnesota.
Joshua	Schmitz	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex.
John	Diedrich	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex. Turning the Capitol Complex into a “gun-free zone” will not make it safer; rather, it will paint a target on the space and the people who work and visit there.
Donald	Williams	I am opposed to disarming peaceable Minnesotans with Permits to Carry at the State Capitol Complex