



February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Subject: Research Regarding Domestic Violence and Firearms and Relevant State Laws

Dear Representative Grad,

Thank you for the House Judiciary's continued work on H. 133. We believe that this statute will clarify an important form of available relief for victims of domestic violence seeking an emergency Relief from Abuse (RFA) order.

As the Network has highlighted in previous testimony, research indicates that firearms are a leading risk factor in intimate-partner homicide. In addition, researchers have worked to quantify the impact of state laws requiring firearms relinquishment or non-possession in domestic violence cases (both civil and criminal). Please find attached the following documents for the committee's information and consideration:

- State Intimate Partner Violence–Related Firearm Laws and Intimate Partner Homicide Rates in the United States 1991 to 2015, *Annals of Internal Medicine*
- Removing Firearms from Those Prohibited from Possession by Domestic Violence Restraining Orders: A Survey and Analysis of State Laws, *Journal of Trauma, Violence and Abuse*
- Risk Factors for Male Perpetration and Female Victimization of Intimate Partner Homicide: A Meta-Analysis, *Journal of Trauma, Violence and Abuse*
- 2018 Vermont Domestic Violence Fatality Review Commission Report (most recent report available)

The Vermont Network requests that the enclosed documents be included as part of the committee's record.

Sincerely,

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