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Subject: Reconsider your Weilein Endorsement for Iowa City's safety

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Temple,

I attended the Moms Demand Action meeting last night. I have marched for Moms Demand Action and passed their proposed resolutions as an ICCSD School Board member. I work with families in the Latino community that experience gun violence trauma on a daily basis. I participated in Jes Lang's Violence Intervention reading group about Bleeding Out. I continue to foster collaboration between the school district, the Latino community, law enforcement, and the Violence Intervention program. My point is, I am 100% committed to this cause.

If you haven't seen the extent of Oliver Weilien's social media posts, they are easily accessible to millions of people, including children. As he said last evening, he decided not to remove them. Perhaps you haven't seen his posts:

Social Media Posts from Iowa City Council Candidate Oliver Weilein.

I attended the LWV forum where he fibbed about these posts (claiming there was one from ten years ago). He reiterated his fibs last evening at the MDA meeting. No one had to extensively search for the posts about his AR-15 or the glorification of burning police cars and other forms of violence. They are everywhere.

After yesterday's meeting, it became even clearer to me that Weilien has no business sitting on City Council. So you can imagine, your endorsement of him was a gut punch. I could tell during the meeting you were leaning toward your endorsement (e.g. making sure Ross said he was a gun owner without distinguishing gun ownership from AR-15 ownership, reiterating Oliver's comments about the vulnerability of the trans community - as if that justifies owning an assault rifle) but I thought it unfathomable that someone who cares about the impact of gun violence could endorse a person who has a pattern of using social media to brandish his AR-15 and glorify violence.

Your endorsement of Oliver Weilein has compromised the integrity of Moms Demand Action. I hope you rescind it.

I copy MDA members, Sheriff Brad Kunkel, and Johnson County Attorney Rachel Zimmermann-Smith on this email.

Sincerely,

Maka Pilcher Hayek