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The Honorable JD Vance
Vice President of the United States
Chairman, White House Task Force to Eliminate Fraud
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Vice President Vance:

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform conducted an investigation into widespread fraud in Minnesota's social services programs, the awareness of fraud among top Minnesota state officials including Governor Tim Walz and Attorney General Keith Ellison, and the lack of an appropriate response that allowed fraudsters to steal potentially billions of dollars from American taxpayers. As a result, the Committee requests that the White House Task Force to Eliminate Fraud thoroughly review all of Minnesota's social services programs in light of vulnerabilities created by efforts of state officials who, instead of mitigating fraud, actually sought to cover up or minimize reports and findings of fraud.

Specifically, the Committee's investigation found that senior officials in the Minnesota state government, including Governor Walz and Attorney General Ellison, were aware of widespread fraud in federally funded social services programs for years, possessed the legal and procedural authority to stop payments and ban fraudulent providers, but repeatedly failed to act.¹ As a result, potentially billions of American taxpayer dollars were paid to fraudulent actors.² These fraudulently obtained funds likely ended up in the hands of international terrorist networks and certainly funded the lavish lifestyles of criminal fraudsters, while vulnerable populations were harmed.³ Whistleblowers within Minnesota state agencies who saw signs of fraud repeatedly urged state officials to conduct greater oversight, but were ignored, sidelined, and retaliated against.⁴

The Committee's report, "The Cost of Doing Nothing: How Tim Walz and Keith Ellison Fueled Minnesota's Fraud Explosion," documents the findings of our investigation (attached hereto).⁵ This report details a consistent pattern: fraud warnings were elevated to the most senior levels of the Minnesota state government, meaningful corrective action was delayed or avoided,

¹ H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT & GOV'T REFORM, FINAL STAFF REPORT: THE COST OF DOING NOTHING: HOW TIM WALZ AND KEITH ELLISON FUELED MINNESOTA'S FRAUD EXPLOSION, 2 (June 8, 2026).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *See generally* H. COMM. ON OVERSIGHT & GOV'T REFORM, FINAL STAFF REPORT: THE COST OF DOING NOTHING: HOW TIM WALZ AND KEITH ELLISON FUELED MINNESOTA'S FRAUD EXPLOSION (June 8, 2026).

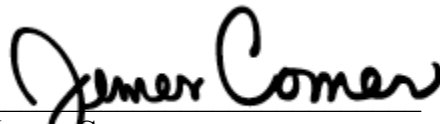
and payments continued long after credible signs of fraud emerged.⁶

Despite Governor Walz’s claims, our investigation concluded that law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, never directed Minnesota state officials to continue payments to suspected fraudulent providers—even in instances where state officials knew a provider was committing fraud.⁷ Instead of trying to stop widespread fraud, Governor Walz’s Administration retaliated against employees who tried to raise concerns, going to great lengths to keep them quiet, including intimidation through regular check-ins with high-level agency officials, diminishing job duties, and threats of surveillance.⁸ State agency leadership consistently failed to conduct thorough oversight of social service programs that were highly vulnerable to fraud, instead relying heavily on the self-attestation of providers’ claims while neglecting more thorough program integrity measures and ignoring glaring warning signs.⁹ These failures allowed an estimated \$300 million in federal child nutrition funds and potentially \$9 billion in Medicaid-related funds to be lost or placed at serious risk.¹⁰

The Committee’s findings call into question the effectiveness of Minnesota’s administration and oversight of federal funds. The state’s consistent failure to act decisively in the face of known fraud allowed brazen criminal schemes to flourish and diverted resources away from the vulnerable populations these programs were intended to serve. Therefore, the Committee encourages the Task Force to Eliminate Fraud to direct the appropriate executive branch agencies to conduct a thorough review of all of Minnesota’s social services program integrity measures, oversight processes, reimbursements, and enrollment from 2019 to the present.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to investigate “any matter” at “any time” under House Rule X.¹¹ If you have any questions, please contact the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Majority staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



James Comer

Chairman

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

⁶ *Id.* at 2.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.* at 2-3.

⁹ *Id.* at 47, 70.

¹⁰ *Id.* at 3.

¹¹ Rule X, cl. 4(c)(2), Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, 119th Cong. (Jan. 16, 2025).

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cc: The Honorable Robert Garcia, Ranking Member
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The Honorable Colin M. McDonald, Assistant Attorney General, National Fraud
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