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The Honorable Pam Bondi  
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U.S. Department of Justice  
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The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human  
Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
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Dear Attorney General Bondi and Secretary Kennedy,

I am writing to respectfully request a formal federal investigation into Medicaid fraud within the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Walz administration.

Throughout Governor Walz's tenure, Minnesota has been the epicenter of waste, fraud, and abuse. From the Feeding Our Future<sup>1</sup> fraud scheme to the ongoing Medicaid-related fraud schemes that have cost Minnesota taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.<sup>2</sup> The most recent reported fraudulent activities are being carried out by individuals and organizations exploiting weakness across various Medicaid-funded programs, including the Housing Stabilization Services, autism-related services (including Early Intensive Developmental Behavioral Intervention, or EIDBI), recovery services, and non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT).

Despite numerous findings from the Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA) documenting critical failures in internal controls, eligibility verification, and prevention of double billing, the Walz administration has failed to implement meaningful reforms. Even more troubling is the continued lack of accountability, those overseeing these flawed programs have remained in their positions, often without consequences. This pattern has fostered a culture of tolerance toward fraud within Minnesota DHS.

There is clear evidence of systemic failure within Minnesota DHS to safeguard public funds. As you know, Minnesota DHS receives approximately \$20.1 billion in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on an annual basis.<sup>3</sup> The scale and persistence

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mn/pr/federal-jury-finds-feeding-our-future-mastermind-and-co-defendant-guilty-250-million>

<sup>2</sup> <https://minnesotareformer.com/2024/09/20/how-fraudsters-have-gamed-minnesotas-medicaid-program-for-millions/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.minnpost.com/state-government/2025/03/how-much-federal-money-flows-into-minnesota-for-health-care-education-agriculture/#:~:text=The%20largest%20share%20of%20federal,of%20Health%20and%20Human%20Services.>

of these issues suggest that the actual amount of fraud may be significantly higher than currently documented.

Given the seriousness of these concerns, I believe the only credible path forward is a thorough, independent investigation led by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Federal oversight is critical to restoring public trust, protecting taxpayer dollars, and ensuring that Medicaid funds are used for their intended purpose – supporting vulnerable Minnesotans.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress



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