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Dear Governor Walz and Attorney General Ellison,

We write today to express our profound concern regarding the recent report issued by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, highlighting the magnitude of your systematic failure to safeguard taxpayer dollars and prevent widespread fraud within Minnesota's federally funded programs¹.

In December 2025, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform launched an investigation into the staggering level of fraud reported throughout Minnesota's social service programs. The Committee's investigation concluded that both of you were aware for years of significant fraud concerning federally funded programs, including Feeding Our Future, the Child Care Assistance Program, Medicaid-related services, and other high-risk programs². According to the report, your offices possessed the authority to suspend payments, remove providers, and implement stronger oversight measures, yet repeatedly failed to take meaningful action.

The report further alleges that warnings from employees and whistleblowers were ignored, dismissed, or met with retaliation. Individuals who attempted to raise concerns reportedly faced intimidation and efforts to discourage them from coming forward³.

As a result, billions of taxpayer dollars were diverted to fraudulent actors. The report states that these funds may have supported criminal enterprises, including international networks, while vulnerable Minnesotans were deprived of resources intended for their care and support. Meanwhile, those who sought to expose wrongdoing were ignored, marginalized, and retaliated against.

On January 7, 2026, we had the opportunity to participate in the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform hearing entitled, "Oversight of Fraud and Misuse of Federal Funds in Minnesota: Part I."⁴ During that hearing, members of the Minnesota House of Representatives testified regarding the extent of the fraud, the failures in oversight, and the administration's response to employees who raised concerns. Testimony described efforts to silence

¹ <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/MN-Fraud-Final-Staff-Report.pdf>

² Id.

³ Id.

⁴ <https://oversight.house.gov/hearing/oversight-of-fraud-and-misuse-of-federal-funds-in-minnesota-part-i/>

whistleblowers through intimidation, repeated scrutiny by high-level officials, the reduction of job responsibilities, and threats of surveillance.

The seriousness of these findings has prompted the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to formally urge Vice President J.D. Vance, in his capacity as Chairman of the White House Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, to conduct a comprehensive review of Minnesota's social service programs⁵. The Committee's report and subsequent actions reflect a profound loss of confidence in your administration's ability to responsibly oversee public funds and protect taxpayers.

Federal agencies have already begun responding. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has temporarily withheld approximately \$259 million in quarterly Medicaid funding to the State of Minnesota⁶. Minnesota taxpayers are now paying the price for years of inadequate oversight and an unwillingness to implement the reforms necessary to protect public resources.

Minnesotans have endured your failures for far too long. As elected officials entrusted with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars, you bear a responsibility to uphold fiscal discipline, ensure program integrity, and maintain the public's trust. Those responsibilities have not been met.

As members of the Minnesota Republican delegation, we believe the confidence necessary to effectively govern has been irreparably damaged. We therefore urge you to resign from office immediately. Minnesota deserves leadership that will restore accountability, rebuild public trust, and ensure that taxpayer dollars are protected from waste, fraud, and abuse.

Your resignation would be the first step toward restoring confidence in state government and preserving Minnesota's reputation for responsible governance.

Sincerely,



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⁵ <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Letter-to-JD-Vance-to-accompany-MN-report.pdf>

⁶ https://kstp.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/CMS-FILE_6607.pdf