

## **Pertinent Timeline – Feeding Our Future Scandal & AG Ellison Meeting**

- **Spring 2021 (April–May):** Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) flags serious fraud concerns with Feeding Our Future and refers them to the FBI. The FBI opens its criminal investigation into the \$250 million plus child nutrition fraud scheme.
- **December 11, 2021:** Attorney General Keith Ellison meets off-site in his official capacity as AG with a group directly tied to the fraud network. According to the Attorney General’s letter to the Fraud Committee, they met at LifeTime Work coworking space at the Southdale Center in Edina. On the secret audio recording (later Exhibit 710), Ikram Mohamed (who later pleaded guilty to wire fraud) discusses Safari restaurant and two other organizations while complaining about state agency scrutiny. The group pledges political and financial support to Ellison. Ellison expresses sympathy, says he is “very concerned,” notes the matter “has my attention,” states that an AG inquiry is often enough to make agencies “knock it off,” and offers to help push back against the state agencies. The fraudsters also provide the name of a specific MDE official to target.
- **December 20, 2021 (9 days later):** Approximately **\$10,000** in maximum campaign donations are received by Ellison’s campaign and family PACs from individuals tied directly to the meeting, including **\$2,500** from **Gandi Yusuf Mohamed** the brother of Ikram Mohamed.
- **January 20, 2022:** FBI executes large-scale raids on Feeding Our Future and related sites.
- **September 26, 2022:** Ellison’s office publicly claims his team had been “deeply involved for two years,” brought evidence to the FBI, and cooperated regularly with federal investigators.
- **2022–2025:** Multiple defendants in the FOF case are charged and convicted, including Ikram Mohamed (wire fraud guilty plea) and Salim Said (convicted on 21 counts).
- **May 2025:** Ellison returns the \$2,500 donation from Gandi Yusuf Mohamed after the audio recording became public and Ellison was heavily scrutinized.

- **December 31, 2025:** Ellison returns the remaining fraud-linked donations totaling around \$12,500 from five individuals associated with the scandal. This confirms the donations were received and held for nearly four years.