



# Minnesota State Legislature

## *Via Electronic Delivery*

October 1, 2025

The Honorable President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We are writing to you as state legislators from Minnesota, deeply troubled by the pervasive fraud infiltrating our state's government programs. It has already drained hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars and eroded public trust in institutions meant to serve our most vulnerable citizens. This crisis demands continued federal intervention, and we respectfully urge two immediate actions: first, that Attorney General Pam Bondi direct additional investigators and resources to Acting U.S. Attorney Joe Thompson so his office can fully pursue these cases, and second, encourage the Senate to move without hesitation in confirming Daniel Rosen as Minnesota's next U.S. Attorney. Together, these steps will provide both the immediate capacity and the long-term stability needed to confront fraud on this scale. Our state cannot afford further delay; the problem far outstrips local capacity, and bold action from your administration is essential to restore accountability.

Just days ago, on September 18, 2025, Acting U.S. Attorney Thompson held a press conference that laid bare the alarming reality: Minnesota's government programs have become so deeply corrupted that fraudulent organizations have overtaken legitimate ones. He specifically highlighted the Housing Stabilization Services (HSS) program, a Medicaid-funded initiative administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which has ballooned from an estimated annual cost of \$2.6 million to over \$100 million in payouts, with the vast majority appearing fraudulent. Thompson described the program as "riddled with fraud," noting that providers have billed for services never delivered, pocketing millions while vulnerable older adults and individuals with disabilities go without genuine support. He emphasized that this is merely the "first wave" of charges, underscoring the overwhelming scope of these schemes and the challenges that lie ahead for his office.

Compounding this urgency, Thompson has repeatedly stated that his team lacks the investigators needed to tackle the volume of cases. Despite working tirelessly and already prosecuting over half a billion dollars in fraud, they are stretched thin and unable to keep pace with the fraud's expansion, which is estimated to exceed \$1 billion statewide when all investigations conclude. These are not isolated incidents but a systemic failure that threatens the integrity of federal funds flowing through our state.

For years, Republican lawmakers have sounded the alarm on this waste and abuse, only to be met with indifference under Democrat control of state government. We have documented fraud in

programs including the Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention (EIDBI) benefit, where Medicaid billings exploded from \$6 million to nearly \$192 million amid credible allegations of sham providers billing for nonexistent services; the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), which saw an estimated \$100 million in fraudulent claims uncovered as early as 2019; the infamous Feeding Our Future scandal, involving \$250 million in stolen federal child nutrition funds; widespread Medicaid fraud in addiction treatment and other health services; and now the HSS program, among others. Yet, Democrat leadership has turned a blind eye, defending these flawed initiatives rather than enforcing safeguards. Democrats have consistently undermined the dedicated efforts of our Republican-led Fraud Committee, which is working steadfastly to ensure accountability and transparency in the current administration's programs.

Governor Walz's focus has been on political ambition and ideology, not accountability. His 2024 vice presidential run and constant attacks on your administration demonstrate how far his priorities have drifted from Minnesota families. At the same time, State Attorney General Keith Ellison has ignored substantial evidence of fraud. Audio recordings show that in December 2021, only weeks before federal raids exposed the Feeding Our Future scandal, individuals tied to the operation met inside his office. There, they pled for his intervention to shield their businesses from state scrutiny, and he assured them he would get the state "off their backs." Shortly after, several of these individuals funneled campaign donations to Ellison and his son, raising serious questions about conflicts of interest that have only deepened public cynicism.

Mr. President, Minnesota's fraud epidemic is not just a state issue. It siphons federal resources and undermines the compassionate programs your administration champions. We need your leadership to help confront this crisis head-on by ensuring the investigators, oversight, and accountability are in place to root out fraud and restore trust. Minnesotans deserve to know that taxpayer dollars are protected, that fraudsters will be held accountable, and that federal programs are serving those who truly need them.

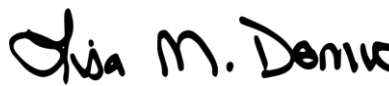
Thank you for your leadership in rooting out corruption and protecting the American people. Republicans will continue advancing legislation to safeguard against fraud, and we stand ready to provide further information and coordinate closely with your team.

We look forward to your prompt action on this critical matter.

Sincerely,



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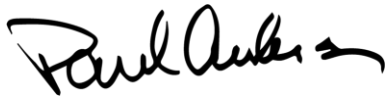
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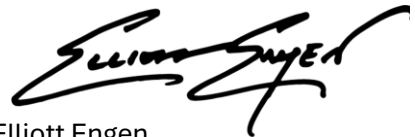
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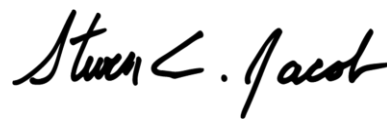
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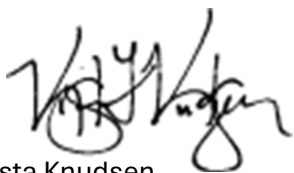
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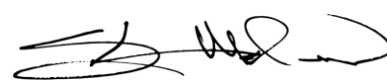
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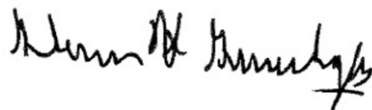
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