

State of Minnesota



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Governor Tim Walz
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Via electronic delivery

Governor Walz:

As Minnesota state legislators committed to transparency, accountability, and the well-being of our constituents, we are compelled to address the serious failures that have defined your administration. Over the past several years, Minnesota has experienced unprecedented levels of fraud, mismanagement, declining education outcomes, and the loss of an \$18 billion surplus, with a multibillion-dollar deficit now looming under your leadership. These failures, compounded by your repeated deflection of responsibility onto anyone or anything you believe will distract the public, have eroded trust and caused lasting harm to our state. For the good of Minnesota, we call on you to resign immediately.

The scale of fraud in state programs during your tenure is staggering and indefensible. Federal prosecutors have indicated that more than \$9 billion in Medicaid funds may have been lost to fraud. Despite repeated warnings and clear opportunities to strengthen oversight, your administration failed to act, allowing this crisis to escalate and leaving taxpayers to bear the cost. Minnesotans deserve answers to basic questions: Why were simple oversight mechanisms and accountability measures not put in place? Why were Republican calls to stop the fraud ignored during the Democrat trifecta, when you held full control of state government? Instead, you and your party expanded funding to these organizations even as evidence of fraud continued to grow.

Your administration has also been accused of retaliating against whistleblowers within the Department of Human Services. DHS employees, along with congressional inquiries, have alleged that fraud warnings were ignored, investigations were suppressed, and those who raised concerns faced retaliation. These actions fostered a culture of fear and silence, allowing fraud to persist and taxpayer losses to grow unchecked.

Education outcomes have also deteriorated under your watch. Minnesota's students remain significantly behind pre-pandemic levels in math and reading proficiency, with stagnant or declining test scores and slipping national rankings despite record levels of education spending. Our children deserve policies focused on academic achievement and measurable results, not ideological distractions that divert attention from the core mission of schools.

Instead of taking responsibility for these failures, you have repeatedly shifted blame and sought distractions rather than delivering results. Minnesotans are tired of being told that the solution is always just one excuse away. They want accountability, results, and leadership that owns its decisions.

Governor Walz, Minnesota demands better. Your resignation would allow our state to heal, rebuild trust, and move forward with integrity. For the future of our state, we urge you to step aside.

Sincerely,



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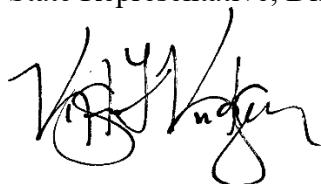
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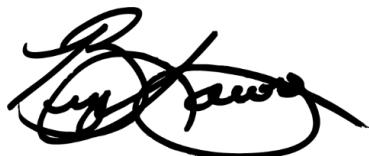
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