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Lindell Announces Three-Step Action Plan to Address Minnesota Fraud Scheme with National Implications

Mike Lindell announces a three-step fraud accountability plan and pledge to cooperate fully with United States Attorney General Pam Bondi and FBI Director Kash Patel in their investigations into a coordinated fraud and election-influence scheme that exploded under Tim Walz and Keith Ellison's watch in Minnesota.

“Those behind this fraud scheme deliberately took advantage of the kindness of Minnesotans. In addition to kindness, Minnesotans also value hard work, truthfulness and justice. It is time for those behind this fraud scheme to come to appreciate these values as well”, Lindell shared.

1. Cooperation with Federal Authorities

Lindell is formally pledging cooperation with the U.S. Attorney General and FBI Director to expand federal criminal investigations into Minnesota's massive social-services and daycare fraud networks, which prosecutors and investigators now say may involve billions of dollars in stolen taxpayer funds. He is calling on Governor Tim Walz and Attorney General Keith Ellison to immediately commence full cooperation with all federal and congressional investigations, including preserving all records, honoring subpoenas, and ending any bureaucratic stonewalling.

Lindell also calls upon federal authorities to continue with their coordinated national review of similar schemes in other states, warning that “Minnesota is not an isolated scandal—it is the template.”

2. Immediate hold on payments to abused programs

Lindell is calling for an immediate hold on all state payments to any daycare, nonprofit, healthcare, or social-services provider flagged as high-risk, under investigation, or tied to whistleblower reports, unless and until operations, clients, and services are independently verified by state and federal authorities. He insists that Minnesota must stop acting as an ATM for sham operations—particularly those already implicated in earlier food-aid and daycare schemes—until there is proof that real children and real families are being served.



Under a Lindell administration, programs that fail verification would face permanent debarment, aggressive clawback of funds, and automatic referral for criminal prosecution.

3. Stronger oversight and accountability in law

As governor, Lindell pledges to work with the legislature to overhaul oversight laws and close loopholes that allowed fraudsters to treat Minnesota as “the easiest mark in America.” His reform agenda will include:

- Real-time data analytics and high-risk audits for daycare, Medicaid, housing, and social-services programs.
- Mandatory whistleblower escalation to prosecutors with strong legal protections for insiders who come forward.
- Statutory personal accountability for senior officials who ignore credible fraud warnings or suppress internal audits.

Lindell contrasts his hands-on **management** style as a business leader with years of bureaucratic drift, shrugging, and political protection that let fraud grow to industrial scale.

Walz, Ellison, and potential culpability

Lindell emphasizes that Governor Tim Walz and Attorney General Keith Ellison are not spectators but the two officials ultimately responsible for preventing and prosecuting fraud in Minnesota. He points to extensive reporting that state agencies received internal warnings and whistleblower complaints about Somali-linked daycare and social-services fraud—yet money continued to flow and enforcement actions lagged for years.

- Federal and congressional investigators are now openly questioning whether Walz and Ellison were “asleep at the wheel or complicit” as billions in funds were allegedly stolen, laundered, and in some cases sent overseas.
- Critics have accused Walz of covering up years of Somali-linked fraud and resisting transparency, even as viral videos showed apparently empty daycare centers receiving millions in state payments.

Lindell also notes that Walz publicly bragged during the 2024 vice-presidential debate about making it easier for people to get into the childcare and daycare business in Minnesota—remarks now resurfacing in light of massive daycare and childcare fraud allegations involving parts of the Somali community.



“While honest Minnesotans were working two jobs to pay their taxes, Tim Walz was on national television touting how easy he’d made it to get into the very daycare businesses now at the center of this scandal,” Lindell said.

How the fraud and influence scheme works

Lindell outlines what he called a “fraud-to-power pipeline” that weaponizes immigration policy and welfare programs for political gain. He describes a pattern in which:

- Large waves of new arrivals are funneled into specific metro areas.
- Networks of insiders rapidly stand up nonprofits, daycares, food programs, and home-health schemes designed to tap federal and state dollars.
- Fraudulent billing, ghost clients, and sham services siphon off huge sums, some of which whistleblowers say are kicked back into political organizing, community pressure, and bloc-vote operations.

Lindell warns that this kind of operation not only loots safety-net programs but also distorts elections by turning taxpayer-funded fraud networks into political machines that can deliver votes, pressure officials, and intimidate critics.

Maine, Ohio, and national implications

Lindell emphasizes that Minnesota is now the visible tip of a nationwide problem, citing emerging scandals in Maine and Ohio that mirror key elements of Minnesota’s fraud crisis.

- In Maine, a Portland provider and Somali-linked nonprofit are under investigation for alleged Medicaid and MaineCare fraud, prompting the state to suspend payments and launch aggressive reviews.
- In Ohio, attorney Mehek Cooke has blown the whistle on what she calls a “massive Medicaid fraud scheme” in parts of the Somali community, with doctors rubber-stamping home healthcare approvals worth up to roughly \$91,000 per person per year in benefits, often for individuals who do not actually qualify.

“These aren’t isolated incidents; they’re copy-and-paste operations,” Lindell said.

“Minnesota was just the tip of the spear. If we don’t shut this down everywhere, every

A pledge to Minnesotans

Lindell closes by reaffirming his commitment to Minnesotans’ safety, finances, and voice in their own government.



“In 2026, we will take our state back—for our families, for our children, and for every honest taxpayer who is tired of being robbed to fuel someone else’s political machine”, Lindell said.

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