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**Governor Tim Walz Bows Out Amid Fraud Scandal; Mike Lindell Reaffirms Commitment to Stand for the People of Minnesota**

Chaska, MN – In light of Governor Tim Walz’s announcement that he will not seek re-election as Governor of Minnesota, Mike Lindell issued the following statement highlighting the ongoing fraud scandal in state government and renewing his commitment to stand with the citizens of Minnesota.

“Today’s announcement by Tim Walz that he will not run for re-election is the inevitable result of years of rampant fraud and mismanagement under his watch,” said Mike Lindell. “For too long, Minnesotans have paid the price while billions in taxpayer dollars have been exposed to fraud and waste in state programs.”

Lindell emphasized that Walz’s decision comes as the Governor struggles to defend his record amid intensifying scrutiny of fraud in Minnesota’s social services and related programs, which has shaken public confidence and driven up the cost of government for families and businesses.

“Governor Walz was trusted to safeguard the hard-earned tax dollars of Minnesota families,” Lindell continued. “Instead, we’ve seen a culture where fraud flourished, accountability was missing, and the people of Minnesota were left holding the bill. When a governor either cannot or will not stop fraud at this scale, he forfeits the moral authority to continue leading.”

Lindell contrasted Walz’s record with his own pledge to aggressively pursue fraud and restore integrity to state government. In his campaign launch and platform, Lindell committed to stand against all fraud in Minnesota government, to go after anyone who steals tax dollars, and to ensure that no one is above the law.

“I made a promise to Minnesotans that I would stand against the rampant fraud under Governor Walz, and that promise has not changed just because he’s walking away from a re-election fight,” Lindell said. “I am still standing. I will stand for every taxpayer who has been cheated, every family that has been squeezed by higher costs, and every honest business that has been undercut by government corruption and incompetence.”



Lindell noted that his hands-on business background and his record of “micro- and macro-managing” complex operations uniquely position him to clean up a system that allowed fraud to balloon while ordinary Minnesotans struggled.

“Professional politicians and special interests created this mess,” Lindell added.

“Minnesota does not need another caretaker for a broken status quo – Minnesota needs a governor who will root out fraud, restore law and order, put families and small businesses first, and secure our God-given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

Lindell reaffirmed that his campaign for governor is about standing in the gap for the people of Minnesota – against fraud, against crime, against exploding taxes and fees, and against a political class that has forgotten who it serves.

“They tried to take away my voice, but I’m still standing,” Lindell concluded. “Now I’m standing for you – for your families, your businesses, your freedoms, and your future. With God’s grace, we will end this fraud, clean up state government, and make Minnesota a place where integrity, accountability, and common sense finally return to the Governor’s Office.”