

Hundreds Of State Employees Accuse Tim Walz Of Silencing Whistleblowers, Ignoring Warnings Of Widespread Somali Fraud

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Nearly 500 employees within Minnesota's state government say Democratic Gov. Tim Walz ignored years of internal warnings about extensive fraud within state-funded aid programs — and that his administration retaliated against them for attempting to expose criminal activity connected to the state's Somali community.

The employees, who work within the Department of Human Services (DHS), have anonymously operated an X (formerly Twitter) account for several years to publicize what they describe as “endemic, systemic fraud” across Minnesota’s sprawling welfare apparatus. In a recent post, the group claimed Walz not only failed to act on their reports, but actively obstructed whistleblowers who raised concerns.

Whistleblowers: Walz “100% Responsible” for Fraud Crisis

Citing a *New York Times* report outlining major corruption cases, the whistleblowers said in a Nov. 29 message, “Tim Walz is 100% responsible for massive fraud in Minnesota. We let Tim Walz know of fraud early on, hoping for a partnership in stopping fraud, but no, we got the opposite response.”

The DHS workers said Walz and select Democratic–Farmer–Labor (DFL) officials monitored employees, issued threats, repressed reports, and tried to discredit internal investigators who attempted to raise alarms.

“We got the full weight of retaliation,” they wrote, adding that the climate became “scary, isolating,” and left them uncertain of where to turn.

They further accused Walz of weakening the Office of the Legislative Auditor, a key oversight body, in order to allow fraudulent schemes to continue with less scrutiny.

Claims of Millions Funneled to Terror Group Al-Shabaab

The controversy has intensified after revelations that some taxpayer-funded aid allegedly stolen from Minnesota programs was later funneled overseas to the East African terrorist organization Al-Shabaab.

On Monday, U.S. Treasury Secretary Bessent announced a federal investigation into whether Minnesota tax dollars were misdirected under Walz’s oversight.

“At my direction, the Treasury is investigating allegations that under the mismanagement of the Biden Administration and Governor Walz, hardworking Minnesotans’ tax dollars may have been diverted to the terrorist organization Al-Shabaab,” Bessent wrote on X.

He added that the probe was moving quickly and would be conducted in coordination with the Trump White House.

Massive Fraud Cases Across Multiple State Programs

The allegations come in the wake of several high-profile prosecutions involving Somali-run nonprofits and health organizations:

- \$250 million “Feeding Our Future” scandal — one of the largest known pandemic-aid frauds in U.S. history, involving massive theft from child nutrition programs.
- Over \$550 million in COVID-era relief funds stolen in separate schemes.

- Tens of millions stolen from autism treatment programs, again tied to operators in Minnesota's Somali community.
- A second \$250 million child-food-aid fraud case involving the same network of organizations.

Federal investigators say the scale of corruption in Minnesota's aid ecosystem is unmatched nationally.

DHS Employees Accuse Walz of Misleading Public

The whistleblowers also accused Walz of misrepresenting the state's finances by claiming a budget surplus where none existed.

"Minnesota never had a surplus," they said. "We had temporary federal ARPA funds that Walz conflated as surplus money. Those funds were used to create more leadership positions for Walz's 'buddies.'"

They described the governor as dishonest, lacking ethics and integrity, a poor leader and unwilling to take accountability for massive fraud under his administration

Walz has not publicly responded to the group's latest allegations, and his office has not issued a statement addressing the claims of retaliation or the accusations involving DHS oversight failures.