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The Honorable Pamela Bondi  
Attorney General  
United States Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
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The Honorable Kash Patel  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Attorney General Bondi and Director Patel,

I am writing to commend the Department of Justice for its ongoing efforts to investigate and stop widespread fraud in Minnesota's social services program under the watch of Governor Tim Walz and Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison. I respectfully urge the Department of Justice to continue and expand this work to determine whether fraud connected to Minnesota-based childcare programs may also involve improper political financial contributions towards Democrat fundraising platforms, such as ActBlue.

Thanks to the leadership of President Trump and the tireless efforts of the Department of Justice, federal officials have reportedly identified as much as \$9 billion in suspected fraud tied to Minnesota social service programs, with nearly 100 individuals charged to date. Most notably, the Feeding Our Future case involved the alleged theft of more than \$300 million from the Federal Child Nutrition Program, with defendants accused of falsely claiming to serve meals to children during the COVID-19 pandemic while diverting funds for personal enrichment.

Multiple reports indicate that Governor Tim Walz and Minnesota state agencies identified early warning signs of fraud but failed to act decisively. Public reporting has raised grave concerns that misappropriated funds distributed through the Minnesota Department of Human Services—including through sham daycare and childcare providers that allegedly billed millions for services never rendered—may have been diverted overseas, potentially to individuals or entities linked to designated terrorist organizations, such as Al-Shabaab and ISIS. If substantiated, these allegations raise serious national security, oversight, and public trust concerns, while diverting critical resources from vulnerable families who rely on legitimate childcare and health care support.

Given the scale and disturbing pattern of these fraudulent schemes, I am concerned that misappropriated taxpayer funds may have also been used for improper political purposes. Specifically, publicly available Federal Election Commission (FEC) records appear to show political contributions made by childcare-related entities or individuals associated with such entities to partisan fundraising platforms. For example, FEC data from 2025 appears to reflect political contributions attributed to an entity identified as "Atomic Daycare" in Michigan,

including donations processed through ActBlue and earmarked for federal candidates, including Jon Ossoff. If accurate, this raises the question of whether fraudulently obtained public funds were laundered into political donations, in violation of federal law.

This potential misconduct should be investigated. Taxpayer-funded childcare programs should support families, strengthen workforce participation, and ensure the safety and wellbeing of children, not serve as indirect financial pipelines for ActBlue.

I respectfully request that the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation to investigate whether funds obtained through fraudulent childcare or social service schemes in Minnesota and across the United States were subsequently directed toward political fundraising organizations or campaigns, including through intermediaries or affiliated entities. Determining whether taxpayer dollars were misused for political purposes is essential to protecting the integrity of federal programs and public elections.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter and for your continued commitment to protecting taxpayers, safeguarding public programs, and enforcing the rule of law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Earl L. 'Buddy' Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Earl L. "Buddy" Carter  
Member of Congress