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Governor Tim Walz
Office of the Governor
130 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Governor Walz,

Recent reports indicating extensive and systemic fraud within Minnesota social service programs that rely on federal funding have raised serious concerns for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). These reports include public statements from hundreds of Minnesota Department of Human Services employees alleging that clear warnings of fraud were repeatedly disregarded, that whistleblowers faced retaliation, and that widespread misuse of federal funds may have persisted for years under your leadership. These concerns have been heightened by recent federal prosecutions and additional allegations that substantial portions of federal resources were fraudulently diverted away from the American families they were intended to assist.

The Trump Administration has made clear its commitment to rooting out fraud, protecting taxpayer dollars, and ensuring program integrity across all federal benefit programs. In light of the seriousness and volume of recent reports and given ACF's responsibility for oversight of Title IV-E funding I am writing to request that the State of Minnesota provide the complete universe of Title IV-E funding administrative data for all recipients for all available years and at least 2022 through 2025. This includes recipient name, address, Social Security Number, date of birth, A-number (as applicable), and any state identification numbers used for program administration. This information is necessary for ACF to conduct a thorough review of program operations and to assess the extent of any irregularities that may have occurred.

ACF also requests documentation demonstrating that the State of Minnesota has verified the eligibility of all Title IV-E fund applicants and recipients in accordance with the requirements of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act, which limits eligibility to United States citizens and qualified aliens. This documentation should include the policies, procedures, system controls, and verification records used by Minnesota to confirm citizenship or qualified alien status during the application and recertification processes.

In addition to individual-level recipient data, ACF is requesting a comprehensive list of all organizations, subcontractors, service providers, local agencies, community groups, and any other entities that received Title IV-E funds from the state of Minnesota, directly or indirectly, during the period from 2019 through 2025. For each organization, I request the amount of Title IV-E funding provided, the purpose for which the funds were awarded, and documentation describing the state's oversight mechanisms, monitoring activities, and verification processes used to ensure proper use of Title IV-E dollars.

I request that this information be transmitted to ACF by December 26, 2025. My staff will coordinate directly with the appropriate state officials to establish a secure transfer method and confirm technical specifications.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. Please contact my office with any questions or to arrange next steps.

Sincerely,



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CC: Tikki Brown, Commissioner, Department of Children, Youth, and Families
Michelle Seymore, Foster Care and Permanency Director