



## Rep. Tom Emmer on LARRY KUDLOW SHOW – DECEMBER 5, 2025

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**\*\*HOST (LARRY):**

\*\* We got a chance to talk to one of my absolute favorite House members, Congressman Tom Emmer, who is the House Majority Whip. It's from the great state of Minnesota, which I don't know, someday may get great again. Tom Emmer, welcome. Appreciate you doing this very, very much. And I want to read you a headline. Steven Miller, White House Steven Miller calls billiondolt Minnesota welfare scam the single greatest theft of taxpayer dollars with dozens of Somali migrants convicted. I mean, this is an unbelievable scandal which the governor has kind of tried to avoid. I mean, you tell me what's going on here and how's this thing going to get fixed?

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Well, first off, Larry, great to be with you and thanks for talking about this issue. I mean, literally, I paint a picture for you. This is the Steven Miller is right on. This is the largest fraud, I think, that has ever been uncovered. It doesn't mean it will be unfortunately the largest ever, but right now it is. And it's happened under 7 years of Tim Wall's failed incompetent leadership. and our attorney general, you might remember Keith Ellison. What's what's very interesting in this whole thing and I can go through all the fraud details that we've been talking about for the past week. And I got to tell you, I'm grateful for President Trump. I told him this. I've been trying to raise the alarm on this for the last three years and no one would report it. I mean, this guy was an embarrassment to himself in our state as the vice presidential candidate on national TV, and they still didn't expose all this that we've known has been out there for years. We didn't know how deep it was. But you're talking about the largest pandemic fraud case in the country, which was the feeding our future scandal. \$250 million they let get out. You're talking about Medicaid housing fraud. That's 160ome million in five years. They shut it down in October because it was rife with fraud. You're talking about daycare fraud. You're talking about autism centers where one Somali woman went and recruited other Somali women to put their kids in these autism centers. to the point where one out of 16 fouryear-old Somali kids was diagnosed allegedly with autism. Larry, that's three times the state rate. And you ask, how could this happen? Well, I'm going to take you back to 2018. Lorie Swanson was our Democrat attorney general in the state of Minnesota. She was prosecuting Somali daycare fraud. A Democrat attorney general. Guess what? She ran for the Democrat nomination to run for governor in 2018. And you know who she lost to? Tim Walls. It just so happens that Tim Walls and and Keith Ellison were elected at the same time. And when they came to office, I look it used to be the previous attorney general would prosecute these cases, investigate, prosecute immediately. What Keith Ellison did, Larry, is he told everyone that before you could start an investigation into the Somali community when it came to fraud, it had to be approved by his office. And guess what, Larry? He hasn't approved one in seven years.

**\*\*HOST (LARRY):**



\*\* By the way, he has taken campaign donations, etc. But here's what I believe it's all tied to. There's about 80,000 Somali in Minnesota. These two guys don't get any outstate votes. They have to win in the Twin Cities. Keith Ellison won by less than one point last time. It was about 21,000 votes. Larry, so does that give you an idea why this is so important to him? And that Tim Kim won by 52%. even though he outspent his opponents 15 million to 1.7, he's not a popular guy at all. And look, if the whistleblowers that came out last week are real

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* and if what they say is accurate and they can document that they were telling Tim Walls and they were telling Keith Ellison about this fraud and that Tim Walls not only ignored them but retaliated, I'm going to tell you they should be prosecuted. Larry,

**\*\*HOST (LARRY):**

\*\* well, here's some as part of this article. small business administrator Kelly Leler has now ordered a fraud probe of pandemic era paycheck protection program loans. Okay, remember that one. There's another source. And then Treasury Secretary Scott Besson is heading another investigation into whether state taxpayer money allegedly got diverted to Al Shabab, a US designated terrorist group. And I want to know Tom Emmer, what is the role here of Representative Ilan Omar?

**REP. TOM EMMER:**

Well, she's been defending these people forever. And I've got to tell you, Ilhan Omar is not an American representative, even though unfortunately she holds an election certificate to serve in Congress. She actually is, in my opinion, anti-American. She never compliments this country, Larry. She's actually on record in the past of saying she represents Somalia. And going back to Scott Besson,

**HOST (LARRY):**

Scott Besson, I we already know millions of dollars went back to Al-Shabaab. Millions of dollars of Minnesota taxpayer money. And when people say, "How do you know that, Larry? Al-Shabaab controls the financial infrastructure of Somalia. All this money goes back to Somalia." It's there. and Kelly Laughler, you bring up the paycheck stuff, but she's also announced that within 48 hours, the SBA found at least a million in federal loans that were granted to criminals indicted in Minnesota's fraud scream scheme. And she said this fraud runs even deeper. It's over a billion dollars already, Larry, and they're continuing to count.

**REP. TOM EMMER:**

So, you've got a bunch of federal investigation. You know, Tom, just as an aside, I'm old enough to remember when Minnesota had a lot of Republican congressmen and senators, okay, and senators. And they were all very good. In fact, Clark McGregor lived next door to me when I was working for Ronald Reagan many years ago. I mean, how do you get this changed? How do you run these people out of town and get them out of these offices that they shouldn't be in in the first place?

**HOST (LARRY):**

Well, you got to identify who's responsible for allowing the fraud to happen and whether they're criminally complicit. And if they are, you've got to absolutely hold them publicly accountable. Which I've already said. That's one. Two, you got to clean up Minnesota's election system. As I've told the president, we've had problems now for years. And there's a reason why our secretary of state Simon when Pam Bondi, our US attorney, asked for all the voting records in Minnesota months ago that he said no. Listen, Larry, if you had



something if you don't have anything to hide, wouldn't you just send all those voting records to the US government? She's entitled to know because you know, Minnesota takes care of our federal races as well to your point. So look, Minnesota has been headed down this road for probably two or three decades. It's only become dramatically worse, exponentially worse under this worthless, failed, corrupt, lying governor that we've had for more than seven years. And Ilhan Omar wants to play the race card. I got news for you. It isn't that all Somali are criminals. It's just that 90% of the crimes we're talking about have been committed by people in the Somali community. And she's been defending them for years. Let's not make it about race. It's not about hatred. It's about criminal activity. And there's nothing wrong with calling out criminal activity and holding criminals accountable.

**REP. TOM EMMER:**

So, will the Justice Department be able to step in? Will the FBI be able to step in? I mean, somebody's got to be able to extract all of this evidence.

**\*\*HOST (LARRY):**

\*\* Yeah. I think they already have. I mean, I've been in the FBI office in Minneapolis. They've got a huge Somali gang problem, Larry, that our newspapers and our news media refuse to identify who is doing these crimes. And yet, the FBI is already deep into it. I'll give you an example. Brian O'Hara, the Minneapolis police chief, when asked after the first wave of news stories came out from President Trump's calling attention to this, he referred to, "Yes, there are many young Eastern Africans that are committing or involved in a lot of these crimes." Do you know that two days later he had to come out and apologize if he offended anyone?

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* Oh, yeah. Yes. Yes, of course. Always. But something I mean, I don't think you can stop these investigations.

**\*\*HOST (LARRY):**

\*\* No. No, you can't. Now, this thing has the genie is out of the bottle. That's right. This is so ugly. And I will tell you, my friends and people that aren't even my friends, but they're just professional associations in Minnesota. I've been getting more comments about the fact that they are embarrassed and they're horrified that their state is the number one thing in the news and this is what it's about. Hopefully that's going to give people the incentive not just to allow the federal government and Donald Trump to do what he's doing, but get Minnesotans to wake up and do their own work in their own backyard and clean these crooks out of office.

**\*\*REP. TOM EMMER:**

\*\* What's Waltz going to do? Is Waltz up for reelection?

**\*\*HOST (LARRY):**

\*\* Yeah, he is. He says he's running again. And I mean, we should be able to beat that guy with a rodent.

**REP. TOM EMMER:**

He should beat him with a stick. You got to recruit good Republicans and then I think you can have a wave in Minnesota. a real wave.



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