



Rep. Tom Emmer on THE GUY BENSON SHOW – JANUARY 5, 2026

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****GUY BENSON:**

** With us now is the House Majority Whip, Congressman Tom Emmer of Minnesota. And Congressman, welcome back to the show. It's good to have you. Happy New Year.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Happy New Year, guy. Good to be with you.

****GUY BENSON:**

** There was some news this morning out of your state. The governor there, Tim Walz, made an announcement. Here it is. Cut 35, take it away, jazz hands. In September, I announced that I would seek a historic third term as Minnesota's governor. And I have every confidence that if I gave it my all, we would win the race. But as I reflect on this moment with my family and my team over the holidays, I came to the conclusion that I can't give a political campaign my all. Every minute that I spend defending my own political interest would be a minute I can't spend defending the people of Minnesota against the criminals who prey on our generosity and the cynics who want to prey on our differences. So he will not seek re-election after all. He thinks he could definitely win. Totally could still win, but I'm just choosing to step away. He says in a selfless sacrifice is how he's framing it. And then came the whining. Cut 36. The buck does stop with me. My administration has been taking fast, decisive action to solve this crisis. We'll win the fight against the fraudsters. But the political gamesmanship we're seeing from Republicans is only making that fight harder. We've got Republicans here in the state legislature playing hide-and-seek with potential whistleblowers. We've got conspiracy theorist right-wing YouTubers breaking into our daycares demanding access to our children. We've got the president of the United States, demonizing our Somali neighbors, and wrongfully confiscating funds that Minnesotans rely on. It's disgusting and it's dangerous.

****GUY BENSON:**

** Okay, Congressman, let's take it piece by piece. He begins by saying that they're taking decisive action and they're going to win the battle against the fraudsters. How much credibility does he have on that point?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Guy, what a great setup. I mean, remember this is a guy who got caught on national TV lying and when he was caught, his answer was, "Well, you know, sometimes I'm a bit of a knucklehead." And by the way, he said, "We are taking fast and decisive action." Well, if your idea is taking fast and decisive action takes seven years, Timmy, this is not fast and decisive. And by the way, he hasn't done anything. He also said in that press conference that we fired people. Who, Tim? Who? And he tried to make this about race again. It has nothing to do with the race of a criminal. It just so happens that of the 86 people charged with the largest pandemic fraud



case in the country, quarter of a billion dollars, guy, 90% of them come from the Somali community. There is absolutely nothing racist with calling out criminal activity. And Tim Walz, he's just doing the same thing that Tim Walz always does. He tries to deflect. You remember at the end he says and holding back money that Minnesotans need. You know why they're holding back money, guy? They're going to hold back that child care money because they have asked Minnesota to provide photographic evidence and receipts to prove that the money is going where it's supposed to go—to children, to the disabled, to single mothers. And you know what? Tim Walz and his administration are failing to produce that evidence. So yeah, this is long overdue, and his idea of fast—it's sometime this next century I suppose.

****GUY BENSON:**

** Well and you just mentioned what a quarter of a billion dollars that's one tentacle of this we know the bigger picture is well over a billion up to 9 billion based on what a federal prosecutor just recently said it would be crazy to keep funneling more federal money into a state that deliberately I think allows that much money to be stolen on such a vast scale he then said, "Oh, well, you know, we're we're going to fight this and we're taking all these fast, swift, decisive actions." But the Republicans in Minnesota are playing hide-and-seek with whistleblowers like it's it's a cynical Republican ploy to be trying to hold the government accountable for this industrial scale criminality.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Yeah, guy. This is all on Tim WALZ. And listen, if he truly believed in what he was saying, he'd stand up and hold his ground and fight. I think what he's showing all of us today by tucking his little rat tail and running off his sinking ship is he's telling us that the fraud that is there is actually bigger than we even imagine. And by the way, those whistleblowers that he wants to try and again, he try wants to try and deflect and make the whistleblowers some partisan activity. It's not. These are people who worked for the WALZ administration over the last seven years and guy if they're real and clearly with his statements today I believe they are real and if they can actually confirm document what they are claiming and I'm being told these whistleblowers claim that they not only alerted Tim WALZ and his attorney general Keith Ellison to the fraud when it was happening and Tim ignored them guy they're claiming that Tim WALZ retaliated against them for actually telling him about the fraud. If that's true, guess what? Tim WALZ should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. And maybe that's why he's running for the Hills right now.

****GUY BENSON:**

** Yeah. Instead for instead of running for reelection, right? If it was all fake and and they had a handle on it and a bunch of it was a conspiracy theory and the whistleblowers didn't exist and it wasn't all true, you think he might stick with the plan to run, but he's instead turning tail and and ending his re-election bid. You heard the shot there also at the YouTuber who Nick Shirley who went and visited these places and at least illustrated some of the wrongdoing. He was criticizing that young man by implication. And then of course he got to Donald Trump and there's no way he was going to get through this press conference without attacking President Trump. I I just don't really remember Trump being involved in any of this criminal activity or or fraud or allowing it to happen. That would be the WALZ administration and the Democrats in your state if I'm not mistaken.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** No, you're right on. And by the way, guy, the reason he's attacking Donald Trump is because without Donald Trump, he might still be getting away with this. We've been trying to blow the whistle on this for at least 3 years. People in Minnesota have known about potentially potential Somali daycare fraud dating back to 2017, 2018. And the establishment media that is literally run by Timmy WALZ, his former commerce commissioner is



running the main paper in the state, which I call the Tim WALZ Tribune. If it weren't for Donald Trump calling this out and these guys because they hate Donald Trump so much, they went after him, not realizing that what he just did was suck them into a national story about the fraud issue in Minnesota, which I'm going to tell you, it doesn't end in Minnesota. You watch this thing's going to go to California. It's going to go to New York. It's going to go to Illinois. These states that are run by these Democrats have refused to actually watch the public store and protect the American taxpayer at the expense of the American taxpayer. You want to know why everything's so expensive? It's because the Democrats been letting these people rip you off for years. That's why.

****GUY BENSON:**

** Congressman, you put out a statement on this scandal and you mentioned it just is a fact that it disproportionately these crimes have been committed by Somali living in your state. And you write, "I have three words regarding Somali who have committed fraud against American taxpayers. Send them home." Some people will blanch at that. Give us your thought process here.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Again, there's nothing racist and there's nothing xenophobic about calling out crime. And the way we look at it is if you come to this country and you take advantage of the American taxpayer's generosity and you refuse to assimilate, guy, get the hell out of here. Go back to where you came from. The law already says that if you came here and you got in illegally, it doesn't matter if you claim to be a naturalized citizen. Now, guess what? The law says you go home. By the way, when we talk about fraud, I'm talking about marriage fraud as much as anything else. If you have committed fraud on the American public, if you have taken advantage of the Americans generosity and you don't want to assimilate, get the hell out. Go back to your country. The law says for those who have come here illegally, they go back. Those who can argue they are here legally, if they're committing fraud, if they're stealing from the American public and they've refused to assimilate, we need to adjust the law and send them home.

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