



Rep. Tom Emmer on HOUSE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – 2025 **COMMITTEE**

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****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Welcome back to Washington, Governor. I'm going to run through a series of facts before I get to my questions, so let's get started. Governor Walz, you signed the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill into law in May of 2023. That bill expanded Minnesota care to provide free health care to illegal aliens. You signed the Higher Education Omnibus Bill into law in May of 2023. That bill allows illegals to have their college tuition paid for by the state. You signed the Driver's License for All Act into law in March of 2023, and that bill allows illegals to receive driver's licenses. So you claim you're not a sanctuary state, you just provide free health care, free college and driver's licenses to illegal aliens. One reason you're here testifying before us today is because you refuse to cooperate with ICE. While states like Florida and Virginia empower their law enforcement to detain and remove criminal illegal aliens, you, sir, have done just the opposite. Your Attorney General is directing law enforcement to ignore ICE immigration detainees. Do you agree with the Attorney General's guidance?

****GOVERNOR WALZ:**

** Well, Congressman, it's good to see you again and thank you for being here. First, I would say it's my job as Governor of Minnesota is to make Minnesota the best state in the nation.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Do you agree with the Attorney General's guidance?

****GOVERNOR WALZ:**

** Congressman, what I would say on this is that Minnesota follows all law.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** It's a very easy question. If you're not, if you claim you're not a sanctuary state, you just, I guess you just claim that you support policies. You're not a sanctuary state, but you support policies that prevent ICE from doing their job. Congressman, isn't that right?

****GOVERNOR WALZ:**

** That is incorrect, Congressman. We follow the same laws when you were in the Minnesota House. The law has not changed. If you'll allow me, I've got limited time.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Well, that's what you tweeted, by the way, sir. On May 23rd, 2018, you tweeted, quote, I support policies that keep law enforcement from enforcing federal laws, close quote. On May 17th, just this spring at the University



of Minnesota Law School's commencement ceremony, you said, quote, Donald Trump's modern day Gestapo is scooping folks up off the streets. When you said the words modern day Gestapo, you were referring to ICE agents. Gestapo, by the way, sir, was the official secret police of Hitler's Nazi Germany. So you're calling ICE agents modern day Nazis. Given the attacks on ICE agents that took place in Los Angeles over the weekend, don't you regard your dangerous inflammatory rhetoric as a problem? The questions you want me to answer first. So sir, it saddens me that you refuse to express regret from comparing ICE to Nazis. ICE agents are brave Americans who get up every morning, leave their families and put their lives in harm's way to protect our country, sir. You at the very least owe an apology to these dedicated public servants. I will say, sir, inflammatory rhetoric such as yours and the other governors on this panel is responsible for putting a target on the back of every ICE agent who is risking their life to protect our communities. Florida is all too familiar, by the way, with the chaos that ensues when you refuse to work with law enforcement to enforce the law. In May 2020, looting, acts of violence and arson occurred on your watch in Minneapolis after you refused to bring in the National Guard. Governor, your agenda is clear. Free health care, free college and driver's licenses for illegals while handcuffing law enforcement when they're trying to protect our citizens and their communities. If you think that's not a sanctuary state, you shouldn't be governor. By turning Minnesota into a magnet for illegals, you have opened up our communities to dangerous criminals including known terrorists, gang members, murderers and child predators. You have sent a resounding message that if you're a hardworking, law-abiding citizen of Minnesota, your safety and well-being are not the priorities of Tim Walz and his administration. But if you're coming to our state illegally, you're not only welcome with open arms, you're entitled to free stuff on the taxpayer's dime. This is absolutely disgraceful. Governor Walz, your sanctuary state agenda has been defined by your utter failure. You have failed to enforce the rule of law. You have failed to uphold our national sovereignty. And most importantly, you have failed the people of Minnesota. The time for radical sanctuary state policy, sir, is over. The voters made that clear last November when they elected President Trump and Vice President J.D. Vance. You remember him, don't you? Governor, the time for real leaders is, and real leadership is now. And with that, sir, actually, Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to introduce into the record the governor's tweet that I referenced from May 23rd, 2018, which makes it clear his hatred for federal law enforcement. Thank you.

****CHAIRMAN:**

** Without objection, so ordered.

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