



## Rep. Tom Emmer on DECEMBER 2, 2025

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**\*\*HOST:**

\*\* Tom Emmer is the majority whip. This is the guy that's responsible for running around getting Republicans to vote together on an issue to get it across the finish line. Probably one of the most difficult jobs in the House. And he gave probably one of the most fiery and impassioned defenses of what the Republicans in Congress, in particular the House, have done. And then we got into Tim Walls. It's good stuff. Listen,

**\*\*HOST:**

\*\* we hear you know when you're trying to get Republicans to vote in line with one another, it's like hurting cats. And I know every Republican in different districts, they have their different priorities, but with a thin majority with the midterms coming, you guys have got to have a story to tell. And so what do you tell the Republicans? What do you encourage them? And when what are you looking at that you could try to get them all on the same page to talk about and sell and push before the midterms?

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

\*\* First off, that line about or the analogy of comparing hurting cats to whatever. I Chris, I got to tell you, I wish they were all cats. We are hurting a variety of exotic animals nowadays. It's not one or the other.

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

\*\* Your question is a great one and it's one that does not get covered enough. Donald Trump got elected by 77 million people with a mandate to fix the economy to secure the border to make America safe again just to begin with three of them make America healthy again etc. In just less than a year he and the Republican majorities including the house that the public elected at the same time have been delivering on all those promises. you know that the left-wing media in this country wants to set their own narrative. They want to cherrypick facts to make it look like something it's not. Whether it's the president's current popularity, which for sitting presidents is incredibly stable and high, but no, now they want to try and claim it's dropping. It's something else. It's that old adage that I heard from a farmer once about figures lie and liars figure. we have accomplished more in less than a year to fix this country than I would argue Joe Biden did in four years destroying this country that he did in 40 years representing his state and then the country in the vice presidential position and then as the president this president has got inflation under control after they he's cut it in half. We saw double digit inflation like we hadn't seen in five decades under Joe Biden. Donald Trump in less than a year has cut that in half. That's something Republicans can run on. Donald Trump has sealed the southern border where they were having 150,000 or more contacts with illegals a day under the Biden administration and they were allowing them to flood into our country. the Donald Trump has ended eight wars since he became the president. And I would argue eight wars that probably started because of the feckless leadership of Joe Biden, Anthony Blinken, Jake Sullivan, these people that looked the other way while bad people were doing bad things around the globe. We have a ton to run on. And get ready. Get ready, Chris, because the big stuff ain't even started yet. We passed a bill back in July. It was signed into law on July 4th. That bill makes the 2017 tax cuts and jobs act



permanent. I mean you are going to have economic growth like we saw in 2018 2019 when that kicked in. You are going to start seeing that at the beginning of next year because nobody has felt it yet. These don't go into effect until January 1st. And what did we do in addition to making them permanent? why why is that important? because your your listeners are probably like, "Yeah, but it's not changing anything if you made that permanent." No, you have to understand money actually waits to see how it's going to be treated before it gets deployed. So, there was a lot of investment sitting on the sidelines up until last July for new projects, for new businesses, for new whatever to grow our economy, main street businesses. it sat on the sideline because they didn't know how they were going to get treated come January 1st of 2026 when Donald Trump signed that bill into law on July 4th. Now they know how it's going to get treated. So that money that was not being pumped into the economy has been getting deployed now for job for new projects, new jobs, new opportunities all across this country. Think about this for a second. It takes a little while for the shovels to get into the ground and the employees to be hired. We should start to feel that by next spring and next summer it'll be picking up and next fall. If all goes the way we expect it to, we're going to have not only a lot to be selling in terms of promises made, promises kept, but people are going to feel good about where this country is and where it's going. And then don't forget the last piece. No taxes on tips, no taxes on overtime. Those are going to hit at the beginning of the year. and working men and women across this country that have been forgotten until Donald J. Trump and Republicans took over. those people are going to not only feel it, they're going to experience it in their pocket. And then the last one is seniors. There's a certain demographic that shows up more than any other in midterms. It's our more experienced Americans. we reduced their tax burden on social security benefits as well. and that's going to have a lasting impact. So, I'm very bullish on the midterms. You just pushed the button. Sorry, that was just a little bit.

**\*\*HOST:**

\*\* No, I'm glad to hear it because that is something that I think people would like to know is if you feel like it's just a given that a Republican legislature has to lose because that's just always what happens historically. You're telling me no.

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

\*\* Donald Trump has broken every one of these legendary this is never going to change. This is the way it's always been really. Since Donald Trump has arrived on the stage, he has rewritten the book when it comes to elections. And I believe Donald Trump and Republicans are going to rewrite the book when it comes to midterms in 2026 for the House. Keep in mind, 2018, his first midterm, he didn't understand how bad it would be without a Republican House. And you remember those ridiculous impeachment proceedings. And our president, we have never had a lame duck president, and I don't even like calling Donald Trump that because his impact is going to last well beyond when he's done serving. We've never had a president who is finishing his second term that is as invested as Donald J. Trump in the midterms for the House. He's already raised like \$2 billion and he plans on being involved in the midterms. This is something no one's ever seen before. So, yes, I believe it's going to rewrite that history book where as we go forward, we're going to win in the midterm.

**\*\*HOST:**

\*\* And I know you have to run to the last question just because I want to ask about your home state and your governor and this unbelievable scandal. Can you speak to this

**\*\*HOST:**

\*\* By the way, we're talking about Tim Walz for people that don't know. Governor



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

\*\* Chris I'm so frustrated by this myself. I'll just focus on me.

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

\*\* Tim Walz, the governor of Minnesota for the last almost 7 years, is a pathological liar. He lied about his military career. He's lied about something as stupid as when he was at Tiananmen Square and he was caught on national TV doing it. And his answer was, well, you know, I grew up in a small town and sometimes I'm a bit of a knucklehead. He's a liar. And he stood by as Minneapolis burned to the ground. And guess what? We're now finding out. And this is where I was frustrated. We've been trying to raise the alarm on this for over three years. The fraud that has gone on under his administration is unprecedented. The former acting US attorney who's been involved in this now for well over a year said the amount of fraud under the Walz administration is breathtaking. It is a billion dollars and they are still counting. It could grow to as much as 2 billion. You start with the \$250 million Feeding Our Future fraud case during the pandemic. Largest pandemic fraud case in the country. You've had about 80 people have been indicted. 78 of those are Somali immigrants. Okay. And he wants us he wants to call this a racist thing. No, we're talking about criminal activity that Tim Walz and his attorney general Keith Ellison not only haven't investigated, they have purposely not investigated since he started his term as governor, his first term as governor. Listen, there's housing fraud, there's Medicaid fraud. The numbers we have from 2018 to 2023 show it started at 3 million. By 2023, it was 400 million. God knows what that is right now. I know that the Department of Health and others here in Washington are really starting to pay attention, but I'm complaining about it because we have known about this in Minnesota for 3 years. No one nationally until Donald J. Trump said something about the Somali fraud. Nobody was covering it. Nobody was actually talking about how bad this is. Now, thanks to Donald Trump, everybody's talking about it. And finally, we're going to get some answers because you might have seen yesterday, even the Treasury Secretary recognizes that a lot of this it's not that all Somali are criminals. It just happens to be that these crimes have been committed by Somali immigrants. And by the way, they've been shipping the money back to Somalia. Think about this for a second. Al-Shabaab is a known terrorist group. They control all the financial infrastructure in Somalia. That means millions of dollars of Minnesota taxpayer dollars have been funneled back to a terrorist group allegedly in Somalia through this network. The thing's growing. Last thing, I don't think Tim Walz I do think he's incompetent. And definitely he doesn't know what he's doing. He's not a smart man. But you can't let a billion dollars go out of your administration without somebody noticing. And he went on national TV on Sunday and said, "I'll take responsibility for prosecuting these people." He hasn't even done that, Chris. The feds are the ones prosecuting. He has done absolutely nothing. He hasn't even bothered to identify who in his administration was responsible for the oversight of all these funds.

**HOST:**

But DOJ should be involved.

**REP. TOM EMMER:**

Absolutely. Cuz it's not just incompetence. Somebody here, I believe, was complicit.

**HOST:**

Congressman, it is a pleasure to catch up. I really appreciate your time today and your passion. Thank you, sir.



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