



Rep. Tom Emmer on Fox Report – December 28, 2025

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HOST:

doing a Minnesota Congressman and House Majority Whip Tom Emmer. Congressman, welcome.

REP. TOM EMMER:

Good to be here.

HOST:

So, what is your reaction to this misspelled learning center with no children in it and a \$4 million price tag?

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, it's amazing to me that a 23-year-old journalist, a YouTuber, who's now got over 80 million views on this thing, found more in a matter of hours than Tim Walz and Keith Ellison, our attorney general, had found in seven years. Mike, I got to tell you, we've known in Minnesota about the daycare fraud for a decade. Keith Ellison is our current attorney general. His predecessor, Lorie Swanson, was actually investigating the daycare fraud and prosecuting back in 2017 and 18. As soon as Ellison became the attorney general and Walz became the governor, all of that stopped. And now you see the result. Billions of dollars it has been alleged that they have fraudulently built out of Minnesota. There was a housing stabilization program that was created in 2020. It's through the Medicaid program, a different one other than daycare. They spent \$161 million. It was estimated it was going to be \$2 million a year, Mike. From 2020 until they shut it down in October, it was \$161 million. This daycare fraud, there's one woman in particular who created a fake daycare and built \$14 million on her own. This thing is huge. Tim Walz is absolutely singing a false song when he says that Republicans are doing this. He has not done anything to prosecute or investigate fraud. I'm going to tell you this. Cash Patel put out that they're investigating this. They've got a whole bunch of pending people that could be indicted. And what does Tim Walz do? He puts a post out on his Twitter that says, "Happy Cater with a picture of a cat." In our local paper, these guys are complicit. They put out the biggest stories of 2025. And guess what, Mike? Not one mention of fraud. This thing is huge.

HOST:

Stunning. Indiana Governor Mike Braun says he doesn't think this is just Minnesota. He thinks we'll find this kind of fraud elsewhere. Let's play him and I'll get you to react.

HOST:

I think any of those states that do run their own state governments, say like California, Illinois, New York, Minnesota, they're going to have more of it because they've never been interested in trying to run it. Well, enterprising states will fix a lot of these problems and it's really fun to have a job where you can check it off in terms of what you're doing day by day, month by month.



HOST:

I understand obviously you're very concerned about Minnesota, your home state, but do you think we'll find this in other blue states as well?

REP. TOM EMMER:

I do, but here's the difference. In Minnesota, this has been going on for years. I told you we've known about the daycare fraud for the past decade. We've been trying to sound the alarm on the rest of the fraud for the last three years. And it wasn't until President Trump, who I'm very grateful for him actually saying something about it, made this a national story that people started paying attention. And here's the difference Minnesota, it's apparently a business. Whistleblowers are coming forward and if they are real, Mike, and if what they're saying can be documented and what they're saying is they told Tim Walz, they told Keith Ellison about the fraud when it was happening and they not only didn't do anything, they retaliated against them. Mike, if that's true, if that can be documented, these guys need to be prosecuted, held accountable, and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. And the other difference here is the taxpayer dollars in Minnesota. Billions were being shipped overseas to a known terrorist group, al-Shabaab, back in Somalia. So this is much bigger in Minnesota. I do not disagree with Governor Braun that it probably is happening elsewhere as well.

HOST:

I'd like to ask you about the news of the hour, the news of the day, that critical meeting at Mar-a-Lago between Presidents Trump and Zelensky of Ukraine. What's your reaction to what we've seen and heard so far?

REP. TOM EMMER:

Well, this is just more of President Donald Trump's legacy. The president of peace. He's about solving these wars, not about continuing them. Happy to see that he's sitting down with President Zelensky. Hopefully they can make some serious headway and get this thing resolved before all the devastation and the lives lost already. It needs to end, Mike.

HOST:

is peace all about whether Vladimir Putin is really serious about a deal?

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