



Rep. Tom Emmer on The Chris Stigall Show – January 14, 2026

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****CHRIS STIGALL:**

** Minnesota's Tom Emmer of the sixth congressional district. Congressman, good morning.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Good morning, Chris. Good to be with you. Although not a great topic, I just am glad that people like you are paying attention to this.

****CHRIS:**

** Well, thanks for saying so. I know it's not a great topic. It is a great state full of wonderful, patriotic, hardworking people. And as is the case with most states, we're mindful. Our urban cores, our big cities do not define our states. You know, certainly I found that to be true in Pennsylvania and Missouri where I come from and have spent so much time. Kansas City, St. Louis, Philadelphia don't define Missourians and Pennsylvanians. I know Minneapolis does not speak for all Minnesotans, but the fact of the matter is I think a lot of us congressmen are stunned at first of all, let's talk about the amount of fraud that's going on up there because I think this recent shooting and this ICE situation quite frankly is meant to distract us from the real and the huge story. While the shooting a tragic thing and we'll talk about it, the fraud for all taxpayers should matter a lot and we should continue to focus on it.

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Yeah. No, I totally agree. Look, Minnesota, if your listeners are interested, they can go to the Minnesota Secretary of State website and they can look at the map that is posted there from the last presidential election. You want to see what Minnesota is? It's all red except for one dot that is Minneapolis and St. Paul. So it isn't reflective of Minnesotans. But what is reflective of Minnesotans? Chris, Minnesotans don't really care for conflict. You know, they want to love their neighbor. They want to assume the best in their neighbors. And for far too long, that attitude, and also, when you see something that's wrong, well, maybe you don't want to call it out because you're afraid somebody's going to call you a racist or a xenophobe, even though you're identifying criminal activity. Minnesotans have let this go on far too long. We've elected some really poor leaders. Look the fraud is staggering under Tim Walz our governor and our attorney general Ellison for the last 7 years. I mean we started with the \$250 million feeding our future pandemic fraud case, largest pandemic fraud case in the country. But now we've added the Small Business Administration. Kelly Leffler's identified 7,900 loans with fraudsters, potential fraudsters that total \$400 million. I think it was within the last couple of days, the HUD Secretary Scott Turner announced that he's uncovered 84 million in ineligible assistance payments made during Biden's final year. That's just one year. \$84 million. And it's almost half a billion dollars in improper assistance, by the way, to 59 dead tenants. And the list goes on. CMS has had to freeze child care payments because they're asking the state of Minnesota to give them verification receipts. Show us where the money's



going, right? And they can't do it. The USDA has frozen grant programs. I mean, you've got 10 cabinet members from President Trump's all-star cabinet. You've got 10 cabinet members that are investigating in detail what's going on in Minnesota. The fraud is staggering. And then to the tragedy, the tragedy is that and they did not tell the truth about it. When Tim Walz came out after the shooting, the unfortunate shooting involving the ICE agent and a lady who rammed him with a car, Tim Walz came out and said there's no coordination. Chris, I want to make it clear, local law enforcement, wherever they are, are supposed to secure the perimeter and ICE then does their business, right? So if they're executing a search warrant, whatever it might be, while the local police hold the perimeter, they do their job. Brian O'Hara and the Minneapolis Police Department refused to do anything. So what they allowed was this chaos to begin. And I know this is a tragedy. I'm tired of hearing everybody say, "Oh, there's all these different videos. You can interpret them the way you want." Look at the video that is very clear from the officer's standpoint. The officer doesn't even pull his gun until she turns her wheels at him, spins him, and then literally hits him. And what is he supposed to do? A 2,000 pound vehicle is a weapon. And this poor guy was doing the best job he could under terrible circumstances, which brings me to the last point of answering your question. Tim Walz is spinning. He is circling the drain. This guy announced he's not going to seek a in his words historic third term as governor. Why? Because of the fraud. And he said he was going to stay home. He's going to work on this fraud issue. I mean, you're seven years too late, Tim. But then the next day, this was incredible. The next day, he had to call another press conference to say, "No, I will not resign." Right? And then the shooting took place. And what has he done since? I would argue that Tim Walz is our governor, the little boy toy mayor from Minneapolis, Jacob Frey, with his big language trying to be the Gavin Newsom of the Midwest. I got news for you, man. Somebody else already is playing that part. You got Keith Ellison, the attorney general. These guys have been fomenting destruction, violence. You know that our paper's worthless. Our paper talks about, hey, there was a protest last night on the University of Minnesota campus and there was some damage to a hotel. Look, property damage should not be tolerated. Assault, violence should not be tolerated. There should be a zero acceptance policy. You should be arrested. You should be held accountable. And if they would do that, this would settle down. But now they're blaming ICE officers for getting more aggressive when they put their lives at risk. And these guys say these are peaceful. They're chanting Chris save a life, kill an ICE. That's not peaceful.

****CHRIS:**

** Tom Emmer represents the sixth congressional district in the House of Representatives of Minnesota. And he's the majority whip and I just it's plain as the nose on my face, Congressman. They don't want to talk about the fraud. The this ICE story is all meant to not have to talk about the rampant fraud which Minneapolis can't be alone and so one wonders and this was something that just occurred to me yesterday overly simple question in the era of AI congressman should there be this kind of rampant untraceable fraud anymore in the technological era in which we live it seems almost impossible to get away with unless you're trying to hide it

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Chris I think it's going to come I don't think you can hide from this. I think that's why Tim Walz knows this is much bigger, which is why it was accelerating. His demise was accelerating. He knows how bad this is. I believe he's known all along how bad it is. He just, you know, has been insulated for years because you got a media that doesn't investigate in the Twin Cities. In fact, they celebrate these crooked politicians from the left. So, he's been very arrogant about this. And as the Walz were closing in on Walz, all of a sudden, you have this unfortunate incident. And you are absolutely correct. This guy is going to focus on the ICE issue. He's going to continue to try and rile up people. By the way, it's the same program that he did back in 2020. I mean, just because I have



****CHRIS:**

** I have limited time, so I just want to ask you quickly. There's a bunch of talk about the resignation of the US attorney and some of these federal prosecutors. Do you want to speak to that quickly?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Yeah, I mean I saw the article in the New York Times. Joe Thompson has done some amazing work on the fraud. But I'm not going to comment on something till I hear from Joe's mouth exactly what happened because you know the New York Times is not necessarily going to put things in context. So let's find out what actually is the reasoning within the US attorney's office. Keep in mind US attorney's office has been full of Democrats for years. So I'm not surprised that others would be leaving. And frankly it's probably time that there's a cleaning of the house of the US attorney's office. There's a clearing of you know the state government. I mean there are so many things that need to be flushed out. So maybe this is the beginning of that, Chris.

****CHRIS:**

** Whip Emmer, with about 30 seconds to go, just quickly, could I ask you, the president's talking about mortgage, he's talking about credit cards, he's talking about some financial movement he'd really like to see happen that has to go through Congress first. Do you anticipate any of that happening before the fall?

****REP. TOM EMMER:**

** Well, we got to really love the fact that we have a president, Chris, who thinks outside of the box. And our goal is the same as his, and that is putting the American people first and lowering the cost of living, making things more affordable. I love the fact that he's throwing out all these ideas, and I can't tell you which one or all of them or none of them, but what he's doing is he is giving us different ideas that the Congress, which is in total alignment. This is about putting Americans and the American country first. We're totally aligned with the president. We'll see where any of these ideas go. Yes. Most of them will require congressional action, but I love the fact that he's throwing this stuff out there because it's time. The other one he's throwing out there, as you know, is it's not about healthcare. It's about health insurance. The health insurance industry has absolutely gorged itself off the American public since the unaffordable care act was created.

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