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Chair Robbins and Committee Members,

I am reaching out again to respectfully request that you and members of the House Fraud Prevention and State Agency Oversight Policy Committee provide the Department of Human Services' Office of Inspector General with any and all information and evidence you have concerning potential fraud. I have previously made this request to the Committee by letter on December 15 and through my testimony at Committee hearings.

As DHS Inspector General, I am in a unique position to stop the flow of money by placing payment withholds on those stealing from Minnesota's Medicaid program. DHS welcomes information about suspected fraud from anyone in any form – whether it is a community tip, something spotted by our staff, a news story, a post on social media, or details passed on from a legislator.

To date, no tips, information or evidence of Medicaid fraud from the Committee has been shared with me or the Office of Inspector General, despite assertions from you and others that the Committee has received voluminous reports of suspected fraud.¹ **A refusal to share information about suspected fraud with DHS prevents the State from investigating and shutting off money to criminals.**

¹ It appears that the Committee may be sharing information with social media influencers, but not DHS. On December 29, Representative Harry Niska said that information was provided to "David" who appeared in the now viral YouTube video posted by Nick Shirley. Representative Niska further said "that was in cooperation with staff at the House Republican caucus." If true, I am concerned by the decision to share information with social media influencers, but not the DHS Office of Inspector General.

As Committee Chair, you have repeatedly said that you are in possession of credible evidence of fraud in Minnesota's Medicaid programs, as shared by tipsters through the Committee's tip line. At the December 17 Committee hearing you said,

"nobody understands the networks we (the committee) are uncovering or the things that our tremendous (committee) staff has found and the hundreds of whistleblower reports we have"

"Multiple whistleblower reports that I have received, and some I've spoken to directly, do allege kickbacks in [the assisted living] space"

Media reports indicate that the Committee's tip line has received "over 700 tips," yet at the December 17 hearing you said that you will not refer tips to DHS or state law enforcement officials because you do not want to reveal the identities of whistleblowers. To be clear, I am not requesting information that would identify whistleblowers. You can submit information, data, and reports to the Office of Inspector General that omits or redacts information that would identify whistleblowers.

Any tax dollar lost to fraud is a dollar too much. DHS has been aggressively implementing new practices to stop fraud. We are stopping payments wherever we have evidence of fraud, instigating pre-payment review, disenrolling inactive providers, designating programs as high-risk, and improving the use of data to track trends and identify anomalies.

Quality tips are vital to detecting and preventing fraud. Information about how to make reports to DHS can be found online at <https://mn.gov/dhs/program-integrity>. Committee members can also reach out to me directly to report specific information and to discuss any issues they are seeing. If you suspect fraudulent activity involving a state program, you can also [file a report](#) with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's Financial Crimes and Fraud Section. Additional safeguards are in place to protect whistleblowers.

The DHS Office of Inspector General stands ready to take administrative action to stop bad actors from ripping off our Medicaid program – in partnership with you and with law enforcement. As I have said before, I am willing to work with anyone that is serious about preventing fraud in our state.

Thank you,



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