



Comer vows Minnesota fraud probe will expand to other states amid mounting scrutiny

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EXCLUSIVE: House Republicans' investigation into fraud within Minnesota's social programs is likely to expand, House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer, R-Ky., told Fox News Digital.

"We need to know how deep this fraud in taxpayer-funded programs runs, not just in Minnesota, but across the country. The House Oversight Committee will expand its investigation to other states, because waste, fraud, and abuse cannot be tolerated anywhere," Comer said Tuesday.

The House Oversight Committee is probing allegations that federal and state funds were misused in Minnesota, an investigation that's thrust top officials in the state government under scrutiny.

It's also proved to be a potent political cudgel for Republicans against progressive leaders like Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz and state Attorney General Keith Ellison.

KLOBUCHAR WEIGHING RUN FOR MINNESOTA GOVERNOR AS WALZ ENDS RE-ELECTION BID AMID FRAUD SCANDAL



House Oversight Committee Chairman Rep. James Comer said his probe into fraud in Gov. Tim Walz's Minnesota will expand to other states. (Kevin Dietsch/Getty Images; Tibrina Hobson/Getty Images)

Both were summoned to Capitol Hill by Comer, who is holding a pair of high-profile hearings in the coming weeks while the federal government investigates allegations of fraud.

The first such event, taking place on Wednesday, will feature testimony from three Republicans in the state legislature. Walz and Ellison were summoned for a follow-up hearing on Feb. 10.

HOW FEARS OF BEING LABELED 'RACIST' HELPED 'PROVIDE COVER' FOR THE EXPLODING MINNESOTA FRAUD SCANDAL

Comer said he would use the probe "as a blueprint to expand oversight and pursue accountability in other states" as well.

It comes after Walz announced he would drop his bid for a third term as governor on Monday, citing the fervor around the fraud

investigations.



Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison speaks on stage during the third day of the Democratic National Convention at the United Center on Aug. 21, 2024, in Chicago. (Andrew Harnik/Getty Images)

"Every minute that I spend defending my own political interests would be a minute I can't spend defending the people of Minnesota against the criminals who prey on our generosity, and the cynics who want to prey on our differences," Walz said.

Walz previously said his administration has taken steps to crack down on the fraud, but argued federal officials are overinflating and politicizing the scope of the damage.

MEDIA 'COMPLICITY' BLAMED AS FEDS SAY MINNESOTA FRAUD CRISIS COULD REACH \$9B: 'SHOWN THEIR TRUE COLORS'

But Comer said Walz still "needs to testify under oath about what he knew, and when he knew it, about this massive fraud and money-laundering operation."



A general view of downtown Minneapolis on Dec. 4, 2025. (Stephen Maturen/Getty Images)

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Federal prosecutors in Minnesota have charged multiple people with stealing more than \$240 million from the Federal Child

Nutrition Program through the Minnesota-based nonprofit [Feeding Our Future](#).

However, the probe has since widened to multiple state-run programs being investigated for potential fraud.

Childcare providers receiving state funding, mainly within the Somali community, are also under scrutiny.

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