

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2561 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6515

December 22, 2025

The Honorable Kelly Loeffler
Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Administrator Loeffler,

The Committee on Small Business (Committee) is conducting oversight into reports of fraud and concealment of such fraud involving the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program. These programs were intended to support eligible small businesses adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, significant misuse by certain entities and nonprofit organizations continue to come to light.

Public reports indicate that, under Governor Tim Walz's leadership, the State of Minnesota has been linked to fraudulent schemes that resulted in substantial losses of taxpayer funds and the diversion of resources to illicit activities.¹ On September 20, 2022, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced that a Minnesota nonprofit, Feeding Our Future, has been at the center of the largest pandemic relief fraud scheme charged in U.S. history.² As of November 24, 2025, 78 individuals have been charged in connection with a \$250 million scheme to defraud the Federal Child Nutrition Program.³

Since the 118th Congress, the Committee has investigated fraud in the COVID Lending Programs and improper loan forgiveness under the Biden-Harris Administration.⁴ The Committee found that the Biden-Harris Administration's SBA leadership took actions that increased fraud risk and wasted taxpayer dollars.⁵ On December 2, 2025, you announced the SBA's investigation into allegations that groups involved in the Minnesota fraud scheme were also the recipients of PPP and COVID-EIDL loans.⁶ This alleged fraud raises serious concerns about the adequacy of safeguards surrounding SBA-administered relief programs, and the effectiveness of oversight mechanisms intended to prevent abuse of taxpayer-funded relief.

¹ Ernesto Londono, *How Fraud Swamped Minnesota's Social Services System on Tim Walz's Watch*, N.Y. TIMES, (Nov. 30, 2025).

² Press Release, Dep't of Justice, U.S. Attorney Announces Federal Charges Against 47 Defendants in \$250 Million Feeding Our Future Fraud Scheme (Sept. 20, 2022).

³ Press Release, Dep't of Justice, 78th Defendant Charged in Feeding Our Future Fraud Scheme (Nov. 24, 2025).

⁴ STAFF OF H. COMM. ON SMALL BUS., 118TH CONG., A MISCALCULATED RISK: FRAUD WITHIN THE SBA'S COVID LENDING PROGRAMS (2024).

⁵ *Id.*


⁶ Kelly Loeffler (@SBA_Kelly), X, (Dec. 2, 2025, 8:23 AM).

In light of the alleged abuse of taxpayer funds, the Committee respectfully requests the following documents and information as soon as possible, but no later than January 12, 2025:

1. The total number of PPP and/or COVID-EIDL loans disbursed to individuals and businesses identified in Appendix A, including:
 - a. Value of each loan disbursed;
 - b. Date the loan was disbursed;
 - c. Whether the loan was forgiven;
 - d. Total forgiveness amount, if any; and
 - e. Date the loan was forgiven.
2. All documents and communications referring or relating to PPP and/or COVID-EIDL loans disbursed to individuals and businesses identified in Appendix A.
3. All documents and communications referring or relating to loan forgiveness of PPP and/or COVID-EIDL loans, including but not limited to guidance and agency communications to borrowers from January 20, 2021 to January 19, 2025.
4. All documents and communications referring or relating to the Office of Governor Tim Walz or any other officials from the State of Minnesota, including but not limited to the Minnesota Department of Human Services from January 20, 2021 to January 19, 2025.

The American people and small businesses for which pandemic era relief loans were intended deserve confidence that federal funds are administered responsibly and that any misuse is addressed swiftly and transparently. To schedule the delivery of your response or ask any related follow-up questions, please contact Committee on Small Business Majority Staff at (202) 225-5821. The Committee on Small Business has broad authority to investigate “problems of all types of small business” under rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this inquiry.

In God We Trust,


Roger Williams
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Nydia M. Velázquez, Ranking Member, Committee on Small Business

APPENDIX A

Individuals

1. Abdi, Hoda Ali
2. Abdi, Khadra
3. Abshir, Abdinasir Mahamed
4. Abshir, Asad Mohamed
5. Abukar, Ayan Farah
6. Ahmed Mohamed Artan
7. Ahmed, Abdihakim Ali
8. Ahmed, Hadith Yusuf
9. Ahmed, Najmo M.
10. Ali, Abdul Abubakar
11. Ali, Ladan Mohamed
12. Ali, Lul Bashir
13. Alishire, Liban Yasin
14. Awale, Abdulkadir
15. Bock, Aimee
16. Camara, Ousman
17. Daar, Hibo Salah
18. Dool, Abdirashid Bixi
19. Farah, Abdiaziz Shafii
20. Farah, Abdulkarim Shafii
21. Farah, Hussein Mohamed
22. Farah, Said Shafii
23. Fidhin, Muna Wais
24. Ghedi, Ahmed Abdullahi
25. Hassan, Asha Farhan
26. Hussein, Abduljabar
27. Hussein, Mekfira
28. Hussein, Mekfira
29. Hussein, Mohamed Ali
30. Ibrahim, Mahad
31. Ismail, Mohamed Jama
32. Issa, Sharmake
33. Jama, Kawsar
34. Jama, Mustafa
35. Jama, Sharmake
36. Jama, Zamzam
37. Jesow, Abdullahe Nur
38. Marekegn, Hanna
39. Merdassa, Bekam Addissu
40. Mohamed Nur, Abdimajid
41. Mohamed Nur, Hayat
42. Mohamed Nur, Sahra
43. Mohamud, Abdikadir Ainashe
44. Mohamud, Farhiya

45. Moore, Dorothy Jean
46. Noor, Mohamed Muse
47. Omar, Hamdi Hussein
48. Omar-Hashim, Ahmed Sharif
49. Ross, Sharon Denise
50. Said, Guhaad Hashi
51. Said, Salim
52. Salad, Haji Osman
53. Salah, Abdi Nur
54. Salah, Abdulkadir Nur
55. Shariff, Mukhtar Mohamed
56. Sheikh, Ahmednaji Maalim Aftin

Businesses

1. Academy For Youth Excellence
2. Action for East African People
3. Advance Youth Athletic Development
4. Afrique Hospitality Group
5. Ahlan Childcare Center Inc
6. Alif Halal LLC
7. ASA Limited LLC
8. Bilaal Mosque Inc
9. Brava Café
10. Brava Restaurant
11. Community Enhancement Services
12. Delta Learning & Child Care Center LLC
13. Dool Transportation Services
14. Dua Supplies & Distribution Inc
15. Empire Cuisine and Market LLC
16. Empire Gas and Grocery LLC
17. Evergreen Grocery and Deli
18. Feeding Our Future
19. Feeding Our Youth
20. Five A's Projects LLC
21. Gedo Community Services
22. Haji's Kitchen LLC
23. House of Refuge Twin Cities
24. Jama's Brava Restaurant
25. Jean's Soul Food
26. Lake Street Kitchen
27. K's Dollar Grocery and Deli
28. Karmel Coffee LLC
29. Laneway Transport, Inc
30. Liban Child Care Center
31. Lido Restaurant
32. M5 Café
33. M5 Care

34. Mind Foundry Learning Foundation
35. Minnesota's Somali Community
36. Mizal Consulting LLC
37. Multicultural Resource Center Inc
38. Mumu LLC
39. Nawal Restaurant, Inc
40. New Vision Foundation
41. Northside Wellness Center
42. Nur Consulting LLC
43. Olive Management Inc.
44. Oromia Feeds LLC
45. S & S Catering Inc
46. Safari Restaurant
47. Sambusa King, Inc
48. Shafi'i Tutoring & Homework Help Center
49. Shamsia Hope
50. Smart Therapy
51. Somali American Faribault Education (SAFE)
52. Stigma-Free International
53. Stigma-Free Mankato
54. Stigma-Free Willmar
55. ThinkTechAct Foundation
56. Wacan Restaurant LLC
57. Xogmaal Media Group
58. Youth Inventors Lab