



Office of Governor Tim Walz & Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Ave NW
Washington, DC 20528

Dear Secretary Noem,

I am writing to express my deep concern over the Department of Homeland Security's decision to terminate Minnesota's Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) grant without warning. Minnesota's congressional delegation has already raised this issue with you, underscoring the importance of this program to the safety of our state.

The \$700,000 TVTP grant supported critical violence prevention work at the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. It funded half of the positions on the Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management team, which is designed to examine individuals who engage in concerning behaviors that are on the potential pathway to violence. It also funded statewide training for local law enforcement. The loss of these funds has already forced those efforts to be canceled, leaving Minnesota less prepared to prevent acts of targeted violence and terrorism.

Tragedies like the murder of Mark and Melissa Hortman and the shooting at Annunciation School highlight the devastating cost of failing to act. You have had multiple opportunities to take action and ensure resources are in place to prevent incidents like these. The loss of the TVTP grant only increases the risk of more harm. To protect our communities and prevent future violence, I urge you to reevaluate this decision and recognize the indispensable role this program plays in public safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Walz".

Tim Walz
Governor of Minnesota