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Governor Tim Walz
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Secretary Steve Simon
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332 Minnesota Street, Suite N201
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Governor Walz and Secretary Simon,

Minnesotans should have faith that their elections are free, fair, and for Minnesota's citizens only. The recent indictments of noncitizens voting in Minnesota's elections have reinvigorated our concerns that Minnesota's elections are at risk. With less than a month until the 2026 midterm elections, we are pleading with you to work diligently to ensure that the state's elections are for citizens only.

As you are well aware, on September 30, the U.S. Department of Justice announced that a federal grand jury indicted ten individuals for voter fraud, in which they are charged with false claims of citizenship to vote in Minnesota's elections.¹ It is being reported that these noncitizens voted in multiple elections, including the 2022 general election, 2024 general election, and 2026 primary election.² We were pleased to see the Department of Justice take the notion of free and fair elections seriously, which has not been true of Minnesota state leaders.

Minnesota has some of the most lenient voting policies in the country, such as no voter identification and vouching practices. We have written to you many times in the past with concerns about how Minnesota's policies leave elections open for voter fraud, such as noncitizens voting. For instance, we wrote to you after Minnesota's driver's licenses for all and automatic voter registration took effect, which, when combined, created the potential for noncitizens to vote in elections.³ This letter was prompted after reports that noncitizens were receiving primary ballots in the mail.⁴ We never heard back from you or your office about our concerns.

Our concerns have been ignored. Secretary Simon, you have assured Minnesotans that our

¹ Department of Justice Indicts Ten Aliens for voter fraud in Minnesota. (2026, September 30). *U.S. Department of Justice Office of Public Affairs*. Retrieved from <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/departments-justice-indicts-ten-aliens-voter-fraud-minnesota>

² Id.

³ ICYMI: Emmer demands answers over noncitizens receiving ballots in Minnesota elections. (2024, October 2). *Emmer.House.Gov*. Retrieved from <https://emmer.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/icymi-emmer-demands-answers-over-noncitizens-receiving-ballots-in-minnesota-elections>

⁴ Sprinkel, L. (2024, October). *EXCLUSIVE: Emmer, GOP colleagues demand answers as concerns about noncitizen voting grow*. Alpha News MN. <https://alphanews.org/exclusive-emmer-gop-colleagues-demand-answers-as-concerns-about-noncitizen-voting-grow/>

elections are “safe and secure.”⁵ However, these ten indictments are proof that our concerns are valid; noncitizens are voting in Minnesota’s election. Yet, you have failed to do your job and put safeguards in place to protect Minnesota’s elections. You are failing Minnesotans.

Only citizens are eligible to vote. This is not a novel idea. Again, we are pleading with you to take these indictments seriously and work hard to ensure that the 2026 elections remain for Minnesota citizens only.

Sincerely,



Tom Emmer
Member of Congress



Pete Stauber
Member of Congress



Michelle Fischbach
Member of Congress



Brad Finstad
Member of Congress

⁵ Spewak, D. (2025, October 20). *Secretary of State: “It’s a felony to vote in Minnesota if you are not eligible.”* KARE11. <https://www.kare11.com/article/news/politics/secretary-of-state-felony-to-vote-minnesota-if-you-are...>