

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. Courthouse
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Dear Attorney Rosen,

We are writing to you today with grave concerns about the rise of Somali gang activity in Minnesota, leading to an increase in crime and violence throughout the state, and we extend our full support in prosecuting those involved to the fullest extent of the law.

As you know, in July, Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher made headlines for calling out the rise in Somali gang violence across Minnesota. Following his remarks, our so-called "leaders" have publicly called out the statements made by Sheriff Fletcher for harming the Somali community. For example, Minneapolis City Councilman Jamal Soman stated that his rhetoric "targets an entire community, creates fear, and makes it harder to build the trust we need to actually keep people safe."¹ There is nothing racist about calling out Somali gang members who are wreaking havoc across our great state.

Just like the estimated \$9 billion in fraud, Minnesotans should not be shamed for identifying patterns and speaking about issues plaguing our state. We cannot ignore gang violence simply because of the demographics of those involved. We cannot ignore that there are twelve Somali gangs operating in Minnesota.² We cannot ignore the fact that there is a rise in young Somalis joining the gangs, and we cannot ignore the fact that Somali gangs have been connected to fourteen murders and over one hundred shootings in the past two years.³ Ignoring this problem will only increase the violence and crime these gangs seek to perpetuate across our beautiful state, so we are grateful for your continued work, along with the work of U.S. Department of Justice Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche and F.B.I. Director Kash Patel.

To protect Minnesotans, we extend our support for the work you are doing as U.S. Attorney in holding these dangerous criminals accountable. If there is anything that our offices can do to assist you in your endeavors, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

1 Osman, J. (2026, July 7). City Council Vice President Jamal Osman issued the following statement in response to recent comments by Ramsey County Sheriff Bob [Image attached]. Facebook.  City Council Vice... - Jamal Osman - Minneapolis Ward 6 | Facebook

2 FOX 9 Staff. (2026, July 18). Somali leaders respond to Sheriff Fletcher's warnings about Somali gangs. FOX 9. <https://www.fox9.com/news/somalis-leaders-respond-sheriff-fletchers-warnings-somali-gangs>

3 Id.



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