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Feeding Our Future Mastermind: Omar Knew About \$250M Food-fraud Scheme

The architect of Minnesota's Covid food-fraud conspiracy says that far-left Democratic Representative Ilhan Omar, who wrote legislation that greatly assisted the gang of Somali fraudsters, knew about the crimes.

Indeed, suggested Aimee Bock, the Feeding Our Future foundress convicted last year in the scheme, Omar aided the fraud by helping the fraudsters get the federal subsidies. Bock and the Somali gang skinned the taxpayers for nearly \$250 million. Omar watched it happen.

Bock squealed on Omar during an interview with the *New York Post* from the jail where she awaits sentencing for her role in the conspiracy.

Another top Democrat who knew about the scheme, Bock alleged, was disgraced Governor Tim Walz.



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Ilhan Omar



The Fraud Scheme

The [Feeding Our Future scam involved](#) fleecing the federal taxpayers [out of some \\$250 million](#) in federal food subsidies. Omar's role was sponsoring successful legislation that expanded access to nutrition programs during the Covid-19 Plandemic.

As [The New American reported](#) last month, citing The Center Square, Minnesota lawmakers want Omar to answer questions about what — if any — role she played in the scheme. Omar sponsored a giveaway called the MEALS Act, which dropped security measures designed to stop fraud, the [website noted](#):

“She took the guardrails off so billions of our tax dollars could be stolen,” [state GOP Rep. Kristin Robbins] said. “It was her particular bill ... that got rid of the guardrails in this program.”

During the hearing, Robbins played a 2020 clip of Omar promoting the program to Somali-speaking constituents and praising a Minneapolis restaurant later tied to the fraud.

“I’m very thankful for Safari for being part of those places where food is being given out,” Omar said in the video. “Each day, Safari gives out 2,300 family and kids’ meals.”



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That restaurant's [co-owner oversaw](#) the fraud with Feeding Our Future's executive director.

The [Feeding Our Future program](#) involved at least [78 defendants](#). [Sixty-five](#) have been convicted, two of them early last month.

Omar Abetted Fraud

Omar's means of removing the guardrails to stop fraud, the [Post noted](#), was the MEALS Act, which "allowed the US Department of Agriculture to issue waivers of school-meal requirements during the pandemic."

"The waivers dramatically eased oversight of the federal programs by allowing restaurants to participate without any of the usual site inspections," the newspaper continued.

Plus, Omar was Johnny on the Spot "whenever those waivers ran out, allowing the rampant fraud to continue," Bock told the *Post*:

"There had been a couple times early on that there were some gaps — a waiver would be set to expire on maybe the 15th of a month, and then the renewal didn't kick in until the 1st," Bock claimed. "Because of course this was supposed to be a short-term thing ... we were supposed to be home for two weeks."



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Questions are mounting in Minnesota's ongoing fraud investigation.

Republican lawmakers are examining U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar's role in expanding a child nutrition program during the pandemic, which was later linked to widespread fraud.

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The Somali refugee's name appeared in emails and text messages "at least six times" in court exhibits during Bock's trial in 2025, the *Post* observed.

Those conversations with Omar "were about help with the waivers, after Feeding Our Future reached out" to the congresswoman, the [Post continued](#):

The waivers opened the floodgates for scores of Somali eateries to join in, like Safari, where Omar herself filmed a promotional video claiming "every day Safari provides 2,300 meals to children and their families" in May 2020. She also held her 2018 election night party there.

By that July, Safari claimed to be feeding 5,000 kids a day. Its co-owner, Salim Said, has been convicted of defrauding the government of \$16 million — the highest sum in the scheme — and is awaiting sentencing.

"A lot of the sites were working directly with her, being that a lot of the operators were from the same Somali community," Bock said of Somalia-born Omar.

"There were a lot of people that had been reaching out to her office and staff — and I presume her personally — to work through some of those gaps with the waivers."

Minnesota has the highest Somali population — 108,000 people — of any state, and the



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majority reside in Omar's fifth congressional district in Minneapolis.

Despite Minnesota officials being notified about shady restaurants, Bock told the newspaper, nothing happened. Those officials "were trying to woo back the [Somali] enclave after its Muslim leaders, turned off by the left's embrace of trans rights and abortion, started turning to the GOP," the [Post reported](#). And Bock believes Walz knew about the scheme, too:

"I have the emails that show that I told you, so you knew," she said of the 2021 missives, reviewed by The Post, where she reported fraudulent businesses to the state's Department of Education[.]

"I struggle to believe that we notified them and they didn't alert the governor — or our state or federal officials," Bock added.

In one August 2021 email chain reviewed by The Post, Minnesota's Department of Education's Director of Nutrition Program Services writes to Bock that the department "takes no position if fraud has taken place" — after she reported St. Paul's House of Refuge for claiming it was serving 21,000 meals a day.

Omar has refused to answer questions from Minnesota lawmakers. [Pro-fraud Democrats blocked](#) a subpoena from Robbins' fraud panel to get documents connected to the scandal from Omar.

Somalia Big on Corruption

Omar most recently landed in hot water because [she adjusted](#) her congressional financial disclosure due to an "accounting error." And her husband co-owned a recently-shut down winery that [never made any wine](#).

Beyond that, Omar — a [confessed agent](#) of Somali influence — is [credibly accused](#) of immigration fraud. "There's no doubt" that Omar committed the fraud, [Border czar Tom Homan told](#) Newsmax in December, citing the work of a federal investigator. So far, federal authorities have done nothing about it.



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