

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 8, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Noem,

We write with deep concern over the Department of Homeland Security's decision to terminate the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) grant. This grant supported vital anti-terrorism and violence prevention programs in the state and ensured our state law enforcement had access to vital federal counterterrorism partners and resources. The grant's abrupt cancellation is irresponsible and leaves our constituents and communities more vulnerable to violent attacks.

According to the Department of Homeland Security's own website, the TVTP Grant Program provides funding for state, local, tribal, and territorial governments; nonprofits; and institutions of higher education to establish or enhance capabilities to prevent targeted violence and terrorism. This program provides financial assistance to develop sustainable, multidisciplinary prevention capabilities in local communities, pilot innovative prevention approaches, and identify prevention best practices that can be replicated in communities across the country. In the United States, antisemitic incidents are up 361% in 2025 and anti-Muslim discrimination and attacks have reached an all-time high. Violence prevention programs help to stop extreme negative events affiliated with this hate before they can happen.

The State of Minnesota was awarded a \$700,000 TVTP grant to do just that. These funds supported two positions at the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), and BCA had planned to utilize this grant to establish a permanent Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management team. This team was designed to fill known gaps in counterterrorism and targeted violence prevention. The team had already planned trainings for law enforcement across Minnesota that would have bolstered skills and built capacity across the state. These trainings have now been canceled.

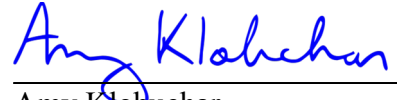
We urge you to consider the importance of this grant and the critical role it plays in ensuring the safety and security of our state. Without this funding, BCA's capacity to protect Minnesotans from targeted violence and terrorism is significantly diminished. As the former Governor of South Dakota, you too, certainly must have felt the same grief and shock at the murder and attempted murder of Minnesota state lawmakers in June. This grant aims to prevent that event from ever being replicated by another bad actor.

Given this horrific event, along with targeted violence toward religious organizations and threats at schools, we implore you to immediately reinstate this vital grant.

Sincerely,



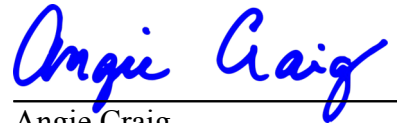
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