

May 20, 2026

Mr. William “Bill” Kirk
Inspector General
U.S. Small Business Administration
409 3rd Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Inspector General Kirk,

Unfortunately for taxpayers, fraudsters keep reinventing the con faster than watchdogs can shut it down. Americans were rightly appalled at the excesses uncovered in Minnesota, capped off by the “Quality Learning Center,” which bilked Minnesota for millions. In true fraudster fashion, the crooks behind the “Learning Center” didn’t stop there. They also took advantage of hardworking Americans through COVID-era U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) programs and raked in nearly a quarter of a million dollars!¹

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QUALITY LEARNING CENTER

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QUALITY LEARNING CENTER

Overview

RECIPIENT

Total Awarded Amount
\$231,472
from 3 transactions

Face Value of Loans ⓘ
\$215,645
from 2 transactions

Details

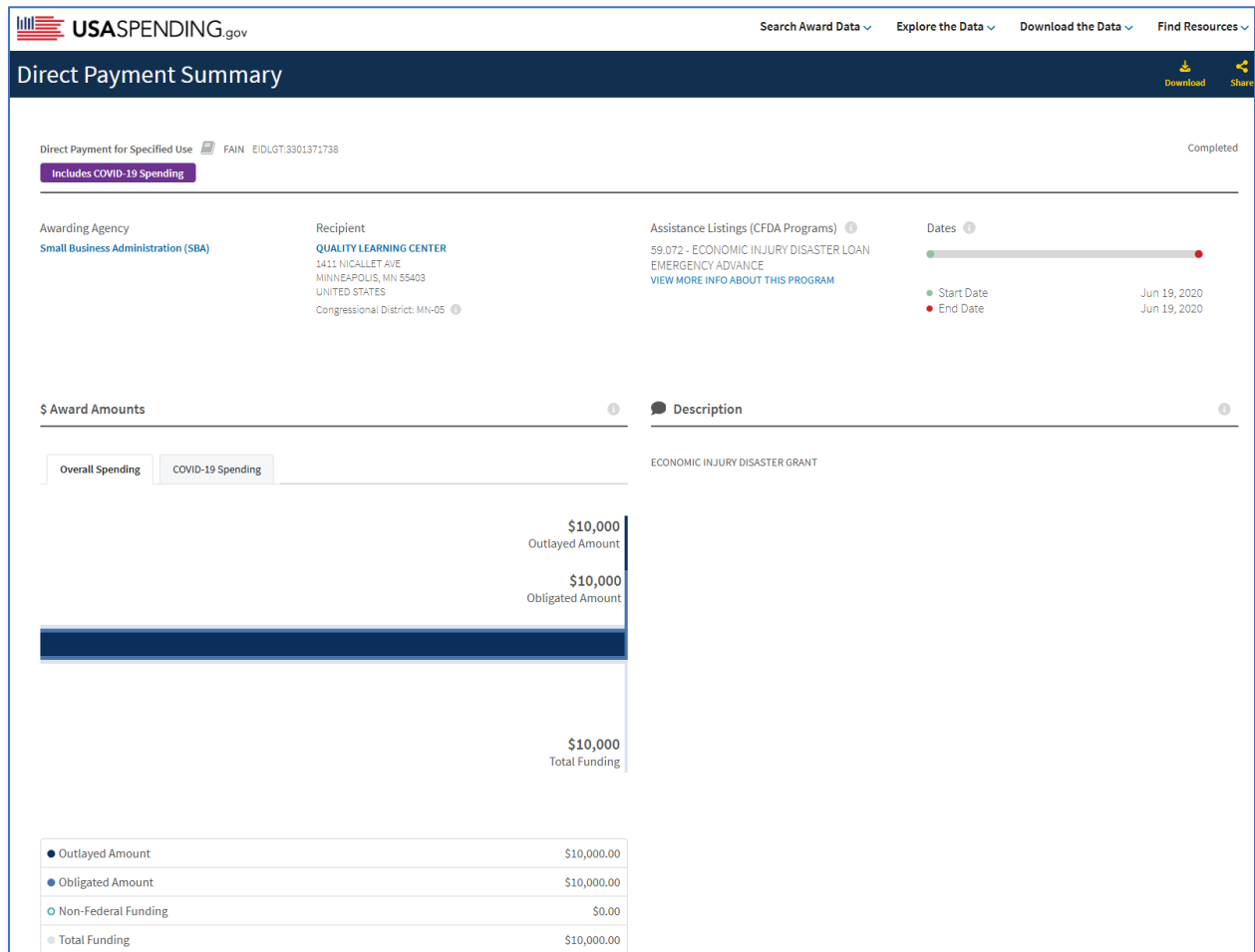
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Congressional District ⓘ	MN-05
Business Types	Business Small Business

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Awards.²

¹ U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, *PPP FOIA*, (Oct. 21, 2024), available at <https://data.sba.gov/en/dataset/ppp-foia>. See spreadsheet “public_up_to_150k_7_240930.csv”.

² Quality Learning Center, USAspending.gov, accessed May 18, 2026, available at <https://www.usaspending.gov/recipient/5ac7947e-3447-57c4-fd83-eddf3e1f9dd7-R/all>.

This scam has been a long time in the making. Over a decade ago, Minnesota’s legislative auditor, with some guidance from Mr. Jay Swanson, sounded the alarm about the ballooning childcare center fraud. Just last year a federal inspector general review found that “Minnesota’s limited oversight of attendance documentation at child care centers” resulted in overpayments to providers.³ But it took the work of a 23-year-old YouTube journalist walking into near-empty daycare centers who were being paid millions by the government to watch hundreds of children, to blow the lid off of the gift. Nick Shirley’s work has led to millions in government funds being recovered, but there is so much work left to be done.



Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program Award.⁴

³ Minnesota Department of Health and Human Services, *Minnesota Could Better Ensure That Childcare Assistance Providers Comply With Attendance Requirements*, (May 2025), available at <https://oig.hhs.gov/documents/audit/10320/A-05-24-00001.pdf>.

⁴ \$10,000 Economic Injury Disaster Loan award from the Small Business Administration to the Quality Learning Center, USAspending.gov, accessed May 5, 2026, available at https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_EIDLGT%3A3301371738_7300.

Recently, with information made public by the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), Daily Wire investigative journalist Luke Rosiak discovered that the types of schemes uncovered in Minnesota are not confined to the Land of 10,000 Lakes. In Ohio, Mr. Rosiak uncovered an intricate web of “home health care centers.” Some act as middlemen, billing Medicaid for “personal services” that appear to amount to hanging out with family members. Others seem like nothing more than fronts for fraud.⁵ Seven office complexes along a single street in Ohio housed 288 home health care companies. However, when Mr. Rosiak visited, many offices were unstaffed or closed, with limited evidence of any legitimate business activities.⁶ Mr. Rosiak also revealed that several of these companies failed Medicaid billing audits. Failures ranged from payments not matching internal business records to billing Medicaid for home visits that occurred while the patient was in a hospital.⁷

I found that 28 companies Mr. Rosiak identified in his articles also received financial assistance from the SBA in the form of a 7(a) loan, PPP payment, or EIDL.⁸ Collectively, these 28 companies, owners, and the owners’ other businesses received almost \$3 million of 7(a) loans, about \$2.5 million of PPP payments, and almost \$600,000 in EIDL awards.⁹ Many of the companies Mr. Rosiak visited had sparse evidence of legitimate business activity, active tax liens, failed Medicaid billing audits, and suspicious revenue growth.¹⁰ Others were associated with people facing criminal charges or people who were previously imprisoned. For instance, one business shares an office with a firm owned by their spouse, who pled guilty to felony theft

⁵ LUKE ROSIAK, *DW Investigation Reveals One of the Biggest Government Waste Scandals Hiding in Plain Sight*, DAILY WIRE (May 4, 2025), available at <https://www.dailywire.com/news/medicaid-millionaires-how-the-feds-pay-immigrants-billions-to-hang-out-with-their-families>.

⁶ LUKE ROSIAK, *Inside Ohio’s Home Health Empire: 7 Buildings, 288 Medicaid Companies, \$250 Million*, DAILY WIRE (May 5, 2026), available at <https://www.dailywire.com/news/inside-ohios-home-health-empire-7-buildings-288-medicaid-companies-250-million>.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ LUKE ROSIAK, *DW Investigation Reveals One of the Biggest Government Waste Scandals Hiding in Plain Sight*, DAILY WIRE (May 4, 2025), available at <https://www.dailywire.com/news/medicaid-millionaires-how-the-feds-pay-immigrants-billions-to-hang-out-with-their-families>; *Inside Ohio’s Home Health Empire: 7 Buildings, 288 Medicaid Companies, \$250 Million*, DAILY WIRE (May 5, 2026), available at <https://www.dailywire.com/news/inside-ohios-home-health-empire-7-buildings-288-medicaid-companies-250-million>; *Meet The Convicted Fraudster Running A Million Dollar Medicaid Business*, DAILY WIRE (May 7, 2025), available at <https://www.dailywire.com/news/meet-the-convicted-fraudster-running-a-million-dollar-medicaid-business>; *He Was Convicted For Defrauding The Government. Now Medicaid Pays His Wife Millions*, DAILY WIRE (May 13, 2025), available at <https://www.dailywire.com/news/he-was-convicted-for-defrauding-the-government-now-medicaid-pays-his-wife-millions>.

⁹ U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, *7(a) and 504 FOIA*, (Apr. 28, 2026), available at <https://data.sba.gov/en/dataset/7-a-504-foia>. See spreadsheets “FOIA – 7(a) (FY2010-2019) asof 260331.csv” and “FOIA – 7(a) (FY2020-Present) asof 260331.csv”; U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, *PPP FOIA*, (Oct. 21, 2024), available at <https://data.sba.gov/en/dataset/ppp-foia>. See spreadsheets “public_up_to_150k_9_240930.csv” and “public_150k_plus_240930.csv”; U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, *COVID-19 EIDL*, (Apr. 27, 2022), available at <https://data.sba.gov/dataset/covid-19-eidl>. See spreadsheet “COVID-19 EIDL data CSVs”, then “DATAACT_EIDL_LOANS_20200724-20201115.csv” and “DATAACT_EIDL_LOANS_20200626-20200723.csv”. To determine owners and other businesses they own, see OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE, *Business Search*, OHIO.GOV (Aug. 19, 2022), available at <https://ohio.gov/business/resources/business-search>.

¹⁰ LUKE ROSIAK, *Inside Ohio’s Home Health Empire: 7 Buildings, 288 Medicaid Companies, \$250 Million*, DAILY WIRE (May 5, 2026), available at <https://www.dailywire.com/news/inside-ohios-home-health-empire-7-buildings-288-medicaid-companies-250-million>.

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of public money and served as an accountant for another man who had just been released from federal prison for tax fraud and money laundering.¹¹

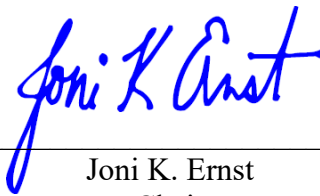
Too often, when shocking reporting becomes public, like Mr. Rosiak's, there is a lot of manufactured outrage without any real action. That stops now.

Inspector General Kirk, enclosed with this letter are 28 cases I urge the SBA Office of Inspector General to thoroughly investigate. Your office is uniquely qualified to investigate these claims in coordination with the Pandemic Response Accountability Committee, which you now chair. Many of the fraudsters who ripped off Ohio and Medicaid may have also ripped off the SBA during the COVID-19 pandemic, when people needed relief most.

Accordingly, following your investigation of the businesses attached, I respectfully request that your office meet with my staff, in person, to discuss the contents of this referral and provide a preliminary briefing on your findings by June 3, 2026.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this critical matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Committee staff at (202) 224-5175.

Sincerely,



Joni K. Ernst
Chair

¹¹ LUKE ROSIAK, *He Was Convicted For Defrauding The Government. Now Medicaid Pays His Wife Millions*, DAILY WIRE (May 13, 2025), available at <https://www.dailywire.com/news/he-was-convicted-for-defrauding-the-government-now-medicaid-pays-his-wife-millions>.