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Washington, D.C.—Today, Congressman Tim Walz, during a Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee hearing, demanded answers and accountability from GSA officials after a report issued by the GSA Inspector General found excessive and wasteful spending during the agencies 2010 Western Regions Conference (WRC).

“I am appalled by these allegations. At a time when we are cutting back on valuable services like benefits for our returning veterans and rebuilding our roads and bridges, certain GSA officials are wasting taxpayer money for their own enjoyment,” said Walz. “This out-of-control spending is unacceptable and those responsible must be held accountable.”

On April 2, 2012, the GSA Inspector General issued a Management Deficiency Report on the GSA Public Buildings Service and its 2010 Western Regions Conference (WRC). The Report detailed that spending on the WRC was “excessive, wasteful, and in some cases impermissible.” To read the entire report from the GSA Inspector General, click [here](#) .

Congressman Walz has been a tireless advocate working to restore accountability and transparency in Washington. Earlier this month, his bipartisan STOCK Act, which bans insider trading by Members of Congress and other government officials, was signed into law.

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