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Vawda Praises FBR for Dismissing Official

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On July 26, 2025, Senator Faisal Vawda praised the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) for suspending an official accused of misconduct toward police personnel, describing the move as a positive step toward accountability within the tax authority. The incident that triggered the action involved a video showing an FBR official allegedly misbehaving with traffic police in Karachi, which sparked public concern over the behavior of government employees.

Senator Vawda, known for advocating institutional reform, called for the official's dismissal, emphasizing that such conduct damages public trust. The FBR, led by Chairman Rashid Langrial, confirmed the suspension and announced that termination proceedings were underway. This response aligns with efforts to improve integrity and

transparency within the FBR, particularly as the institution faces criticism over its performance and internal controversies.

The tax authority has struggled with revenue collection, including a reported shortfall of Rs384 billion in 2024. Senator Vawda has previously opposed questionable expenditures, such as the FBR's plan to purchase over a thousand vehicles, which he argued represented a misuse of public funds. His vocal stance has sometimes been met with resistance from within the organization; however, the recent suspension signals a shift toward addressing misconduct more seriously.

The Inland Revenue Service Officers Association (IRSOA) has dismissed some of Vawda's earlier allegations as unfounded but acknowledged the importance of accountability. The association emphasized that baseless accusations can negatively impact tax collection efforts, while also welcoming measures to improve the institution's credibility.

Vawda's commendation reflects his broader vision of a reformed FBR that prioritizes public service and integrity. As Pakistan continues to face economic challenges, ensuring accountability in key institutions like the FBR is essential to restoring public confidence and enhancing fiscal management. The suspension, though limited in scope, represents a meaningful move toward systemic reform, with continued vigilance needed to uphold governance standards.