

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King today made the following statement after the House, by a 345-75 margin, passed an amendment blocking federal funding for ACORN under H.R. 3221, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009.

“This vote sends a loud and clear message that no more taxpayer dollars should be given to ACORN. Taxpayers do not want their hard-earned money placed in the coffers of this partisan criminal enterprise. I am shocked that 75 liberals are still willing to stand with ACORN after all the evidence that has come forward over the past week.

“An all-out, full court press federal investigation is the only way to bring ACORN to heel. The Department of Justice and the Internal Revenue Service need to jointly investigate ACORN and perform a complete forensic analysis of the activities and finances of ACORN and its affiliates. We also need multiple Congressional committee investigations to ensure this partisan criminal enterprise will not continue its shady practices while collecting taxpayer funds. People need to go to jail for their criminal activities.”

About ACORN:

- In June, the Washington Times reported that House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers “backed off his plan to investigate wrongdoing by the liberal activist group ACORN, saying ‘powers that be’ put the kibosh on the idea.”

- ACORN is under investigation in at least 14 states.

- ACORN as an entity was charged with voter fraud in Nevada.

- ACORN has admitted to over 400,000 fraudulent voter registrations in the 2008 election cycle.

- ACORN has received a minimum \$53 million in taxpayer dollars since 1994.

- ACORN is eligible to receive as much as \$8.5 billion more in federal tax dollars.

- ACORN played a role in the mortgage meltdown by pressuring banks to make bad loans and by brokering them.

- ACORN and its approximately 300 affiliates use the same accounting firm and same mailing address in New Orleans, Louisiana.