

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King, the highest ranking Republican on the House Immigration Subcommittee, issued the following statement regarding Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano's trip to the United States/Mexico border.

“The Secretary appears to have decided she can transfer resources away from worksite enforcement and use the Department of Homeland Security's resources to do what Mexico should be doing. The Mexican border patrol should be intercepting legal American guns that illegally enter Mexico and stopping illegal drug cash from entering Mexico, not the Department of Homeland Security. If the Mexican government wants help from the United States, it should demonstrate its commitment to prohibiting illegal drugs and illegal immigrants from entering America. The situation in Mexico is serious, and a porous and unprotected border is the primary reason the violence in Mexico is spilling onto American soil.

“America needs an immigration policy that returns jobs back to American workers by shutting off the job magnet for illegal workers and building a barrier along the border to force all traffic through the legal ports of entry. If Secretary Napolitano is serious about reducing border violence, she will commit to completing the border fence and prosecuting both American employers and illegal immigrants who break U.S. law.”