Congressman Steve King made the following remarks regarding President Obama’s speech to the nation.

“Throughout our nation’s history, the resolve and hard work of the American people pulled America through trying times, including challenges similar to those we currently face.

“President Obama understands that America’s strength is its people, but his proposals show a lack of confidence in the free-market system that can keep America a strong and prosperous country. Bigger government, more wasteful Washington spending, new bailouts for bad decisions and tax increases will not create good-paying jobs or stimulate the economy. Now is the time for innovative solutions that stimulate long-term growth without forcing our grandchildren into more debt.

“Eliminating the income tax, removing taxes on production and enacting the FairTax - a national sales tax - would grow the private sector and create new, good-paying jobs. Enacting the FairTax will put American taxpayers back in control and jumpstart our economy.”