

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King today made the following statement regarding news that ACORN has launched an internal investigation into the “systems and processes” called into question by recent videos filmed at ACORN offices around the country.

“We have now seen multiple examples of an organization that, in addition to facing charges of voter fraud and tax violations, is willing to facilitate child prostitution and human trafficking. These videos have confirmed that ACORN continues to operate as a criminal enterprise.

“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.