WASHINGTON, D.C. — In response to President Obama's health care address, Congressman Steve King and Republican members of the House Judiciary Committee today called on Chairman John Conyers to schedule a hearing and markup of a proposal to enact law abuse reform and reduce health care costs nationwide. The Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare (HEALTH) Act of 2009 (H.R. 1086) includes the same types of medical lawsuit reforms that several states have enacted to reduce costs and enhance care. Republican members asked Chairman Conyers to respond with a date for a hearing by September 17.

"Last night, President Obama continued to advocate for the same policies a majority of Americans reject," King said. **"We do not need mandates, triggers or cuts to the benefits received by seniors. We need real solutions like lawsuit abuse reform that will immediately lower health care costs. This is a real, bi-partisan solution and it is time for Congress to make it happen."**

A copy of the letter to Chairman Conyers is attached.