

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, has been tapped by House Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH) to serve on the “Rural America Solutions Group,” a new task force created to address issues facing rural America.

President Obama previously promised he would hold a summit focused on rural issues during his first 100 days in office but has yet to do so. King and House Members have recently called for the White House to establish an Office of Rural Policy. The Rural America Solutions Group’s goal is to find new ways to create jobs and other opportunities for rural America.

**“Congress needs to focus on issues that will help our rural communities grow,” King said. “I meet regularly with farmers and small business owners who are concerned with the tax and regulatory burdens on their businesses, attracting and retaining quality employees, access to affordable and quality healthcare and improving our transportation infrastructure. I will work to address these issues to find the best ways to promote our rural communities and attract new residents.”**

Members of the GOP Rural Solutions Group include:

- Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK) – Co-Chair
  
- Rep. Doc Hastings (R-WA) – Co-Chair
  
- Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) – Co-Chair

- Rep. Rob Bishop (R-UT)
  
- Rep. Henry Brown (R-SC)
  
- Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT)
  
- Rep. Mike Conaway (R-TX)
  
- Rep. Tom Latham (R-IA)
  
- Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO)
  
- Rep. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)
  
- Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA)
  
- Rep. Adam Putnam (R-FL)
  
- Rep. George Radonovich (R-CA)
  
- Rep. Phil Roe (R-TN)
  
- Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE)