

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Chris Chocola, President of The Club for Growth, the nation's leading free-market advocacy organization with over 40,000 members, announced that Congressman Steve King has earned the annual Defender of Economic Freedom award. The award honors Members of Congress who have a strong voting record on economic growth issues.

“Congressman King is a champion of the pro-growth agenda,” Chocola said. **“As 1 of 54 Congressional Members to earn this award, Congressman King has demonstrated a strong commitment to economic freedom and free-market principles.”**

The award is based on certain votes in 2008 that the Club for Growth tracks on its scorecard, including cutting and limiting government spending, lowering taxes, expanding free trade, regulatory reform and deregulation. The study included a comprehensive examination of each lawmaker’s record on pro-growth policies and computed an Economic Growth Score on a scale of 0 to 100. A score of 100 indicates the highest support for pro-growth policies. Those lawmakers scoring 90 or higher receive the Defender of Economic Freedom award.

“I am grateful to receive this award from the Club for Growth,” King said. **“The principles this award is based upon are the foundations of our nation’s economic strength and prosperity and key to the creation of more good-paying jobs.”**