WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King (R-IA), the Ranking Member on the House Immigration Subcommittee, made the following statement regarding the immigration meeting held today at the White House to discuss a comprehensive immigration reform bill that includes amnesty.

“Americans have rejected amnesty in 2006 and 2007, and they will reject it again if the Obama Administration tries to force it upon them. It is wrong to reward immigration law breakers.

“If President Obama is serious about addressing the immigration issue, he needs to focus on the millions of Americans who are out of work or worried about losing their jobs. This is the time for the Obama Administration to accelerate enforcement of immigration laws to make room for unemployed Americans, not grant amnesty. We must not reward lawbreakers at the expense of hard-working and smart-working Americans.”