

On Monday, July 6, Congressman Steve King hosted a forum on “cap and trade” legislation at the Western Iowa Tech campus in Sioux City. Concerned citizens from Western Iowa and the tri-state area were invited to come and discuss the cap and trade bill and its effect on the Midwest. The legislation recently passed the House and is now under consideration in the Senate.

Joining Congressman King at the forum as panelists were Bill Fehrman of MidAmerican Energy Company, Dave Miller of Iowa Farm Bureau, Chuck Soderberg of Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative and Monte Shaw of Iowa Renewable Fuels Association. Concerned citizens who could not make it to the forum are encouraged to contact their Senators and Congressman King with written thoughts on the legislation.

King made the following statement about the forum:

“I want to thank everyone who made it to the forum or provided written thoughts for me to take a look at. I am grateful for the time folks spent sharing their valuable insights and experiences with me. I also appreciated and benefited from the outstanding panel of energy experts representing the electric generation and transmission industry, the renewable fuels industry and the agricultural sector.

“This forum confirmed my belief that proposed cap and trade legislation is far-reaching and will increase energy costs for Iowa’s families, farmers and small businesses. It will also cost millions of Americans their jobs.

“If this cap and tax bill passes the Senate, it will not be reversible. We will be stuck with it. Western Iowa cannot afford this legislation to reach the President’s desk for a signature. I will continue to oppose this bill and urge concerned citizens across Iowa and America to do the same.”