WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King today made the following statement regarding plans by Tyson Foods Inc. to cut 480 employees at its Council Bluffs plant.

“This is a difficult time for the workers and families affected by these job cuts. I and my staff stand ready to help where we can. Especially in these hard economic times, we need a strong network of families, faith, and government to bridge this employment chasm and help transition the displaced workers to other employment. Given the current economic crisis, it will take the efforts of all local, state and federal agencies to assist the workers losing their jobs.

“My hope is many of these workers will be re-hired when the economy improves. I remain confident in the resilience of Iowans and Nebraskans. It will serve us well as we deal with these job losses.”