Congressman Steve King made the following statement today on the current situation in Gaza.

"We all want peace in the Middle East, but a true agreement that balances Israel's security concerns with the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people can only be obtained if senseless violence in this region ends.

"When Hamas chose to abandon a six-month peace agreement in favor of rocket attacks against Israel on December 19, Israel rightfully responded to defend its people. An estimated 500,000 Israeli citizens are now within range of Hamas' rocket arsenal, and each unprovoked attack from Hamas puts thousands of lives at risk.

"Hamas should immediate suspend its attacks and pledge to work with Israel on an agreement bringing peace to this troubled region."