

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King today reacted to a tape released by an independent filmmaker showing Baltimore-based ACORN workers assisting a man and a woman claiming to be involved in a prostitution ring. According to FOXNEWS, “Officials with the controversial community organizing group ACORN were secretly videotaped offering to assist two individuals posing as a pimp and a prostitute, encouraging them to lie to the Internal Revenue Service and providing guidance on how to claim underage girls from South America as dependents.”

“Taxpayers should be outraged that their money has gone to an organization that, in addition to facing charges of voter fraud and tax violations, is willing to facilitate prostitution,” King said. “As this video confirms, ACORN continues to operate as a criminal enterprise. Nancy Pelosi, John Conyers, Barney Frank and other Democrats on Capitol Hill continue to protect and fund ACORN while blocking Congressional hearings on ACORN’s operations and finances. Shielding ACORN from oversight ensures that this partisan criminal enterprise will continue its shady practices while collecting taxpayer funds.”

About ACORN:

- In June, the Washington Times reported that House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers “backed off his plan to investigate wrongdoing by the liberal activist group ACORN, saying ‘powers that be’ put the kibosh on the idea.”

- ACORN is under investigation in at least 14 states.
- ACORN as an entity was charged with voter fraud in Nevada.
- ACORN has admitted to over 400,000 fraudulent voter registrations in the 2008 election cycle.
- ACORN has received a minimum \$53 million in taxpayer dollars since 1994.
- ACORN is eligible to receive as much as \$8.5 billion more in federal tax dollars.

- ACORN played a role in the mortgage meltdown by pressuring banks to make bad loans and by brokering them.
- ACORN and its approximately 300 affiliates use the same accounting firm and same mailing address in New Orleans, Louisiana.