

Congressman Steve King today responded to comments made by House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers that the Judiciary Committee will back off plans to investigate the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). The Washington Times reported that Conyers "backed off his plan to investigate wrongdoing by the liberal activist group ACORN, saying 'powers that be' put the kibosh on the idea." King's statement follows:

"Chairman Conyers' comments confirm that liberals in this Pelosi Congress will do whatever it takes to protect ACORN. Shielding ACORN from oversight ensures that this liberal get-out-the-vote machine will continue its shady practices. ACORN's grasp on this Pelosi Congress is so strong that the Chairman of a powerful Committee is afraid to hold even a single hearing on ACORN's activities.

"It is time for every member of this Congress to go on record regarding ACORN. ACORN and its estimated 270 corporate affiliates comprise a complex organizational and financial spiderweb with all the appearance of a criminal enterprise. ACORN is facing charges of voter fraud and tax violations, yet it has received over \$53 million in taxpayer funds. ACORN is corroding the integrity of our electoral process by attacking the sanctity of the ballot box and using taxpayer dollars to do so, and Nancy Pelosi and Democrats on Capitol Hill are complicit in ACORN's cover-up.

"Who are the powers that be, Speaker Pelosi or President Obama, who has been both an employee and employer of ACORN?"