WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King (R-IA), the Ranking Member on the House Immigration Subcommittee, today made the following statement regarding Arizona's recently passed law that requires proof of legal status and empowers state and local law enforcement officials to enforce immigration law.

"Under Secretary Janet Napolitano, the Department of Homeland Security has allowed law enforcement officials to ignore immigration laws already on the books so this Administration's political agenda can be achieved," King said. "The 'open borders' Obama Administration has postured itself in favor of amnesty over the Rule of Law. Now states like Arizona are being forced to step up and fill the void left by DHS and the Obama Administration. I commend Arizona for standing up for the Rule of Law and protecting American workers. This is the time for the Obama Administration to accelerate enforcement of immigration laws to make room for unemployed Americans, not grant amnesty."