WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Steve King offered the following reaction to Secretary Janet Napolitano's remarks on immigration policy at Center for American Progress:

"Secretary Napolitano's speech was illogical. She contradicted herself by claiming the downturn in our economy has reduced illegal immigration but then advocated for an amnesty policy that allows millions of illegal aliens to take American jobs. This is exactly the wrong time to be giving a pro-amnesty speech since we just received news that the national unemployment rate hit 10.2 percent. She also praised initiatives like E-Verify and the border fence that she and other open borders advocates have long opposed. I had hoped that we would have a Secretary of Homeland Security who would join with me in defending the rule of law."