Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today issued the following statement in response to National Public Radio (NPR) terminating the contract of senior news analyst Juan Williams. NPR fired Williams shortly after an appearance on Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor" in which Williams spoke candidly about the apprehension he feels while on airplanes with individuals dressed "in Muslim garb."

"NPR fired Juan Williams for expressing something that is a visceral fear that most everyone feels when they get on an airplane," said King. "However, Jesse Jackson remains in NPR's good graces despite once saying 'there is nothing more painful to me at this stage in my life than to walk down the street and hear footsteps and start thinking about robbery—then look around and see somebody white and feel relieved.'"

"Why does NPR apply one standard to Jesse Jackson and another standard to Juan Williams?"

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