

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Steve King (IA-5) released the following statement after returning from a trip to the United States border with Mexico in which he reviewed and assessed the infrastructure and technologies being employed by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to combat illegal immigration. Congressmen Phil Gingrey (GA-11), Ed Royce (CA-40) and Steve Pearce (NM-2) also travelled with King to the U.S. Mexico border.

"This visit to the border allowed me to review the resources deployed and practices being used to combat the drug cartels and illegal immigration," said King. "In order to secure the border, we need to: build a fence, a wall, and a fence; stop the bleeding at the border; force all traffic through our ports of entry; end sanctuary cities; and shut off the jobs and welfare magnets. Some conditions have improved but drug smuggling and violence are on the rise. We can achieve operational control of the border, and we can begin to do so by effectively prioritizing how we will use our law enforcement assets."

In addition to his statement, King also released the following photos from his trip. The photos embedded in this release may be accessed at Congressman King's [Flickr](#) Photostream.

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