

Washington D.C. - Congressman Steve King (R-IA) issued the following statement regarding the deal that was reached to fund the operations of the federal government through the remainder of the current federal fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2011.

"There is no question that the cuts offered in the forthcoming long-term CR are needed and are long overdue. We must get government spending under control and rein in our skyrocketing deficit. But, while \$39 billion in cuts is better than the status quo, it's a long way from where we need to be," said King.

"Today the American people were given a \$39 billion cut in federal spending in exchange for continued funding for ObamaCare. For months I have said that the CR would be the key leverage point in the effort to stop the implementation of ObamaCare. I am disappointed that we have surrendered this leverage without taking a stand to shut off the funding for this unconstitutional law. We have now ceded a significant amount of ground on this issue, and I fear that we will find it difficult, if not impossible, to regain it any time soon."

"More than \$105 billion in automatic funding for ObamaCare is already on the books, and over \$23 billion of this total is in the pipeline to be spent. Every day ObamaCare's roots reach deeper and deeper. In November, the American people charged us with stopping ObamaCare in its tracks, and today we made it much harder to do so."

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