Washington, DC - Today Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement regarding Saturday's tornado damage to Mapleton and other communities and farmsteads in western Iowa. Congressman King visited Mapleton yesterday to review the damage and speak with local officials.

Congressman Steve King (center) speaks after viewing storm damage in Mapleton.

"When I hear about tornados in Monona County, I am reminded of the tornado that struck the Little Sioux Boy Scout ranch, and I am grateful that this time we are all here to rebuild. Over 60% of Mapleton was damaged or destroyed and it's a miracle that there was no loss of life. Although there is a tremendous mess to clean up, and it will entail significant costs, at least we can take comfort in knowing that we are not mourning the loss of family and friends.

Mapleton has suffered significant damage, and so has the town of Early. I am confident that both communities will rebound and rebuild. I've spoken with the Governor, and I have every confidence that we will be using state and federal resources to the maximum extent possible to help the people of these communities whose lives have been torn apart."

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