Congressman King, Mayor Crain discuss town's efforts to protect against Missouri River flooding

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following photo and statement after traveling to Hamburg yesterday afternoon to discuss Hamburg's flood prevention efforts with Mayor Cathy Crain. During their meeting, King and Crain toured the levees that are protecting Hamburg from the encroaching Missouri River. They also discussed the extent of the damage being done to the town by the flood, and the importance of the recent federal disaster declaration that covers flooding in Fremont County. King led efforts in the House of Representatives in support of the federal disaster declaration.

Congressman Steve King views flooded farmland while standing on Hamburg's southern levee.

"The people of Hamburg are putting up a courageous effort to spare their town from further flood damage," said King. "The new levee that I saw is the town's last line of defense against the rising water which is only five feet from overtopping it. Scenes of flooded farmland are all too common in the wake of this flood, and they remind us of the extensive damage being done to homes, property, businesses and infrastructure along the Missouri River."

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Additional photos of Congressman King's stop in Hamburg are on Congressman King's Flickr site.