

Congressman King leads House delegation in support of State's request

Washington D.C.- Today, Congressman Steve King (R-IA) sent a letter signed by Iowa's entire House delegation to Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack urging him to grant a Secretarial Disaster Designation for agriculture damages caused by flooding in Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie, and Woodbury counties. If granted, the Secretarial Disaster Declaration will make additional federal disaster programs available for eligible residents in primary and contiguous counties. King's letter supplements a request for a Secretarial Disaster Declaration that has been sent to Secretary Vilsack by Governor Terry Branstad.

"One of the things that is evident from the aerial surveys of Missouri River flooding I have participated in is the vast amount of farmland that is being destroyed," said King. "Iowa's agricultural producers will be experiencing significant losses from this flood and it is important that they be given the opportunity to participate in available disaster programs. Secretary Vilsack has the authority to issue a Secretarial Disaster Declaration, and my letter asks him to act promptly on this request."

King's letter to Vilsack notes that the Farm Service Agency has conducted a review of agricultural damages, and that a Secretarial Disaster Declaration providing access to additional federal disaster programs is necessary because "this long-duration flooding will result in potentially significant production and agricultural systems losses in affected areas".

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