Congressman King seeks reversal of FEMA decision that denies Federal Individual Assistance Programs to five flooded Iowa counties

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) issues the following statement in support of Governor Terry Branstad's vow to appeal the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) decision to deny Iowa's request for activation of the Federal Individual Assistance Program for Fremont, Harrison, Monona, Pottawattamie and Woodbury counties.

"Governor Branstad is doing the right thing by appealing FEMA's decision, and I will work closely with him in an effort to get FEMA's decision reversed," said King. "FEMA's decision to deny the State's request for access to Individual Assistance Programs is based on incomplete data that does not fully reflect the scope of the flood damage being done to Iowa's homeowners, renters and businesses. In fact, much of the residential damage can only be seen by boat and it is unaccounted for in the aerial survey data FEMA used to make their decision. An appeal will allow FEMA to gain a better understanding of the scale of the damage Iowans are sustaining, and it will give the agency the opportunity to quickly reverse a disappointing decision."

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