Washington, D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) today released the following statement after attending the first meeting of the bi-partisan U.S. House Missouri River Flood Working Group. During the meeting, Congressman King's legislation requiring the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to revise the Missouri River Master Manual to increase the total amount of storage space within the Missouri River Reservoir System that is allocated for flood control was the top item on the agenda for discussion. King is a member of this working group.

Congressman Steve King (R-IA) gathers support for his flood control legislation during the first meeting of the U.S. House Missouri River Flood Working Group founded by Rep. Kristi Noem (R-SD) (seated, at right).

"I was pleased to attend the first meeting of the Missouri River Flood Working Group, and I appreciate the support that my Missouri River flood control bill is receiving from my colleagues," said King. "My legislation is designed to prevent future incidents of serious downstream flooding by requiring the Army Corps of Engineers to revise its Master Manual to ensure it has the flood control storage space needed to account for a flood of the size and scope experienced this

year. It is a common sense proposal, and its prospects of becoming law are strengthened by the support it is receiving from my colleagues in Missouri River states."

Congressman King will be formally introducing his Missouri River flood control legislation tomorrow. The bill's initial cosponsors will include: Rep. Kristi Noem (R-SD), Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), Rep. Vicki Hartzler (R-MO), Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO), Rep. Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE), Rep. Lee Terry (R-NE), Rep. Tom Latham (R-IA), Rep. Leonard Boswell (D-IA), Rep. Bruce Braley (D-IA) and Rep. Dave Loebsack (D-IA). Of these cosponsors, Reps. Noem, Graves, Hartzler, Leutkemyer, Fortenberry, Terry, and Latham serve on the working group with Congressman King.

The U.S. House Missouri River Flood Working Group was formed by Rep. Noem (R-SD) in the wake of this year's historic Missouri River flooding. It is tasked with examining the factors that led to this year's severe flooding so that they can be addressed in order to prevent devastating flood events from occurring in the future.

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