

Washington, DC- Congressman King, Congressman Latham and Congressman Boswell sent a letter to Vice President Biden today to encourage him to visit the communities along the Missouri River that were affected by the record breaking flood last year. Biden will travel to Iowa later this week to speak at Iowa State University. King, Latham and Boswell released the following statements after sending the letter:

"As we anticipate the beginning of the 2012 runoff season along the Missouri River, many of those who live and work in the river basin are concerned that the federal government has not yet taken the steps necessary to protect them a repeat of the historic flood we experienced in 2011," Congressman King said. "Taking time to visit those who have been affected by the flood will give Vice President Biden a better understanding of the issues that continue to affect the communities impacted by last year's flooding and will inform him about the steps that must be taken to prevent a repeat of last year's flood in the future."

"Iowans along the Missouri River have rolled up their sleeves and continue to deal with challenges that resulted from last year's tragic flooding," Congressman Latham said. "The people whose lives were disrupted and devastated deserve a voice in this process as we ensure that they get the help they need and as we look for ways to protect life and property and prevent similar disasters in the future. There's no possible way to gain a full understanding of the real challenges created by last year's flooding other than to visit the affected communities and talk to the hardworking Iowa families who were affected by it. Vice President Biden owes it to the people along the Missouri River to take this opportunity to visit so that the will of the Iowans affected by this tragedy determines the direction as we move forward."

"I am pleased Vice President Biden is visiting our state to discuss vital issues facing our country like encouraging businesses to bring jobs back to America," Congressman Boswell said. "Since last year's devastating Missouri flooding, I, and the entire Iowa Congressional Delegation, have been actively meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies to make certain an event of this magnitude never occurs again and recovery of the areas affected in western Iowa is carried out in an efficient and proper manner. I strongly encourage the Administration to visit the area and communities that have been impacted."

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