Washington, DC - Congressman Steve King released the following statement today regarding the recent announcement made by Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. that planned improvements at its Dakota City, Nebraska plant may lead to the closure of Tyson's facility in Denison, Iowa sometime next year.

"I know that this was a tough decision for Tyson to make, especially given the history of the Denison plant as the flagship location of the former IBP company," said King. "I understand the business decision that Tyson has made in expanding its operations in Dakota City, but I have been in contact with Tyson and will be working with its leadership to explore new uses for the Denison plant."

"We have some time before the full impact of this week's announcement will be felt in Denison, and we are fortunate that the trend in western Iowa seems to indicate that cattle production is increasing. In the coming months, I will continue to work with Tyson to look at other uses for this facility and am hopeful that a decision will be reached that will continue to put the plant and its workforce to good use."

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