

Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King released the following statement today in response to the storm damage in Southwest Iowa last night and this morning. The tornadoes caused the greatest damage in the towns of Thurman and Creston. In Creston, Greater Regional Medical Center, Southwestern Community College, Creston Public Schools and a number of private homes and the surrounding area sustained significant damage. There were some injuries reported, several severe. The hospital and the college were both evacuated.

"As the sky clears, we should all pray for the families who are dealing with the aftermath of these tornadoes," said King. "My staff was on the ground as soon as the weather cleared to assess damage and will continue to be involved in the recovery of these towns. Please feel free to contact Laura Hartman, my district representative based in Creston at 712-369-0361 for assistance. Iowans are a resilient people; and we will pull through the after effects of this storm."