Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King released the following statement today to feature National Dairy Month. King spoke with the Western Iowa Dairy Alliance yesterday near Sanborn, Iowa at VanEss Dairy. The VanEss family relocated to Iowa in 2007 and is very involved in promoting milk and dairying locally as well as regionally. The family has hosted numerous events and open houses at their dairy farm to showcase the industry.

Congressman King with the VanEss family at their dairy farm near Sanborn, Iowa. The five VanEss sons operate the family owned dairy farm in Western Iowa. The picture is also attached.

"The VanEss family is a true asset to our state, and their story highlights the fact that all new wealth comes from the land," said King. "Dairy farming is an integral part of agriculture in Iowa, and milk production is one reason why we rank third in the nation for the total value of agriculture products sold each year. I'm grateful that the Western Iowa Dairy Alliance hosted me yesterday to honor National Dairy month. As a senior member of the House Agriculture

Committee, I will continue to make sure that the 5th District has a voice in agriculture decisions made in Congress."