

Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King released the following video of his speech on the House floor today in support of a bill introduced by Congressman Latham, H.R. 4157, the Preserving Family Farms Act.

"When I saw this rule it was appalling to me to think that this was an attempt of this administration, this assault on the sanctity of the family and on the family farm all at the same time," said King. "And as we had a witness come before the Small Business Committee, the assistant Secretary of Labor, under oath, I asked her what was driving this rule? Her answer was that it was driven by data. The highest level of injuries in youth labor are on the farm. So we have to do something to interrupt this injury that's taking place on the farm. So I asked her, what was the second highest level of injury in youth labor? Her answer was: I don't know. Not data driven- it's driven by some misguided ideology. It's also been supported by the Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack. Their team has been working with the Department of Labor. This has not been withdrawn by the administration, Mr. Speaker, for the sake of them understanding that this is a misguided policy decision. It's been withdrawn because it's a misguided political initiative. I am glad that it is temporarily withdrawn. I appreciate the gentleman from Iowa, Mr. Latham, for bringing this legislation, to prohibit this rule from being reintroduced again. Let's protect the tradition that made America great."