

Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement after voting for H.J. Res. 118, a joint resolution that will prevent President Obama's administration from following through with their plans to weaken welfare work requirements:

"I had thought it was settled that welfare work requirements were a positive development in the effort to wean people off government dependence and towards self-sufficiency," said King. "But now the Obama Administration is attempting, in violation of the bipartisan 1996 welfare reform law that was signed by President Clinton, to weaken those very reforms that have made such a positive impact on so many Americans' lives. We must stop the Obama Administration's latest attempt to expand the welfare rolls and encourage dependency, and instead reinstate the reforms that have encouraged millions of Americans to realize their full potential."