Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King released the following statement after joining Senator Chuck Grassley (IA), Senator Mark Udall (CO), and Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) for a press conference sponsored by the Truman Project's clean energy campaign Operation Free to discuss the wind Production Tax Credit (PTC). Forty veterans who now work in the wind industry came to promote wind as a cost-competitive option for lowering energy costs for Americans.

*Congressman King speaks today with Senators Udall and Grassley, Congressman McNerney, and Operation Free Spokesman Mike Breen. Congressman King also met with Iowa Veterans Troy Ellis and Shannon Lehmkuhl who now both work in the wind industry.*

"I was pleased to join Senator Grassley, Senator Udall, and Congressman McNerney today to highlight the importance of the wind PTC, because Congress and the taxpayers have made an investment in wind," said King. "Now is the time to offer predictability to this vibrant industry.

Government has to be engaged in wind energy to provide the market access that all other renewable fuels received when first entering the marketplace. Until wind gets market access, there is no competition for cost. Government must provide the incentive for people to risk capital until the wind industry can provide it on its own.

If you have put your life on the line as a member of our armed services, you deserve to find quality jobs when you return. Today I once again renew my commitment to aiding this industry to gain the market access it needs and for veterans to find work that can support them and their families."