Washington, DC- Congressman Steve King released the following statement today after President Barack Obama nominated Senator John Kerry (D-MA) to succeed Hillary Rodham Clinton as the next Secretary of State:

"I am confident Senator Kerry will be confirmed as the next Secretary of State and congratulate him on his appointment," said King. "The first difficult job for Senator Kerry will be to cooperate with and encourage a complete and thorough investigation of the Benghazi killings. Americans deserve a detailed timeline of all the relevant components both at and near the sites and also from any of the decision makers. We need to know everything from the Ambassador's autopsy report, to what time the President went to bed that night, to the logistics of our military assets in the region. We need to clear up all these issues and get on with the business of foreign relations. I will ask senators to make these points during Senator Kerry's confirmation hearings."