Q: What internship opportunities do you offer to Iowa students?

A: I strongly encourage and welcome college-age Iowans to intern in my Washington and Iowa offices. Internships are available during the spring and fall semesters and for two six-week summer sessions. Internships are an excellent educational opportunity where students get first-hand exposure to the legislative branch and learn about the process of representative government that's at the heart of America's democracy. Depending on the college, these internships may qualify for course credit. Internships also are an excellent way for young people to gain work experience in an area of interest. More than half of the current permanent staff members in my office were interns.

Q: What type of work do interns do?

A: Interns get put to work in my office. They're assigned their own desks and responsibilities. Duties include assisting permanent staff members in the administrative, legislative and communications departments, as well as the staff I hire for the Finance and Judiciary committees in the Senate. Tasks include scheduling appointments, giving Capitol tours, answering phones, organizing press clippings, helping constituents with questions, drafting letters to government agencies, researching issues and policy proposals, and more.

Q: How do students apply for your internships?

A: Interested students should visit http://grassley.senate.gov , print out a form, and send applications to cory_crowley@grassley.senate.gov
or 202-224-6020 (fax). Applying by email or fax avoids security-related delays in postal mail

delivery to the U.S. Senate office buildings. Also, my offices in Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Davenport, Des Moines, Sioux City and Waterloo, as well as the placement offices of Iowa colleges and universities, all have copies of Grassley internship application forms. The application deadline for Summer 2010 internships is March 15, 2010. I hope many students consider an internship. If you have questions, please call my internship coordinator, Cory Crowley, at 202-224-3744.