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SCHAKOWSKY OFFERS AMENDMENT TO CUT OFF STATE DEPARTMENT

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), a founding member of the

Congresswoman Schakowsky delivered the following comments when she presented her

“Thank you Madam Chairwoman, Ranking Member Dreier for providing me the opportunity

My amendment would prohibit the State Department from using funds from this supplemental

Very simply, my amendment would cut off State Department funding for Blackwater.

Currently there are approximately 170,000 private contractors working in Iraq and Afghanistan

This amendment is not designed to make a judgment about any of those activities. It is simply

Everyone knows about the horrible incidents involving Blackwater opening fire on innocent

And these incidents have damaged our already-tattered image in the eyes of the Iraqi people

Despite the extremely serious nature of each of the incidents Blackwater has been involv

I believe that we must not continue to reward and rely on a company that has been implic

It is vital that we show to the American people and the Iraqis that we are serious about re

We cannot continue to allow Blackwater to run roughshod over the law and jeopardize th

I thank you very much for allowing me to offer this amendment here today.”