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## **SCHAKOWSKY HOLDS TAX DAY PRESS CONFERENCE TO HIGHLIGHT**

Washington, D.C.--U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), a founding member of the Iraq War Veterans Caucus, held a press conference today to highlight the enormous cost of the Iraq war to American families. Schakowsky delivered the following remarks at the press conference.

"Thank you all for being here to talk about the enormous cost of the Iraq war to American

Americans are sending in their taxes today, and they think their money is going to Washin

So far, the war in Iraq has cost \$ 526 billion—\$16,500 for the average family of 4. And th

With more and more Americans struggling to make mortgage payments, buy gas, or cover

And I don't know about you, but when I heard that the Iraqi government is expected to ha

The Bush Administration should not force American families to pay for the war in Iraq whi

This tax day, we have had enough, Mr. President. As Nobel Prize winning economist Jos

This tax day, at events around the country we are saying what the American people are s

If President Bush has his way, Stiglitz estimates the cost of the war in Iraq could soar to \$