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SCHAKOWSKY STATEMENT ON FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF WAR IN IRAQ

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), founding member of the Iraq Study Group, issued the following statement today:

“Five years ago today the Bush Administration led the American people into a war with Iraq that has no end in sight.

Nearly 4,000 American troops have been killed, 30,000 troops have been wounded and a million more have been injured.

The war has also taken a devastating toll on the Iraqi people and their country. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis have been killed, injured, or displaced.

As we enter the sixth year of this war, it is abundantly clear that President Bush has no intention of ending the war.

While President Bush and Republicans in Congress continue to insist that we are making progress, the reality is that the war has only become more entrenched.

The Democratic-led Congress has repeatedly passed legislation to begin withdrawing our troops from Iraq, but the President has vetoed every one of them.