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**SCHAKOWSKY UNVEILS BILL TO PHASE OUT
PRIVATE MILITARY CONTRACTORS**

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), member of the House Intelligence Committee, today unveiled a new bill to phase out private military contractors.

“The last straw was when Blackwater allegedly killed 11 Iraqi civilians last month. I believe it is time to take action to protect our troops and the American people from the risks of private military contractors.”

Congresswoman Schakowsky circulated the following “Dear Colleague” today after participating in a meeting with other members of the House Intelligence Committee.

PHASE OUT PRIVATE MILITARY CONTRACTORS

Become an Original Cosponsor of a New Bill to Return
Security Functions to the Military

October 2, 2007

Dear Colleague:

I would like to invite you to join me in supporting a new bill which would responsibly phase out private military contractors.

There are numerous reasons why we should not allow private contractors to perform services that are the responsibility of the military.

My bill recognizes that our armed forces have been so overtaxed that it is not possible to

To join me as an original cosponsor or for more information, please contact Megan Garcia at megan.garcia@congress.gov

Sincerely,

Rep. Jan Schakowsky