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HOUSE REJECTS BP'S PLANS TO DUMP POLLUTION INTO GREAT L

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) applauded the passage of the bill. U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Congresswoman Schakowsky released the following statement today after the U.S. House of Representatives voted to reject BP's plan to dump oil into the Great Lakes.

"Today's vote showed that Congress is united in its opposition to BP's dumping of industrial waste into the Great Lakes. After meeting with BP's top executives yesterday, I believe that they finally 'get it' that it is not in their best interest to dump oil into the Great Lakes. I am cautiously optimistic that BP will return to Congress at the beginning of September with a plan to abandon their plans. However, if BP does not abandon their plans, then they had better prepare themselves for a long and difficult fight in court and in the public square."