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## SCHAKOWSKY URGES JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO REVERSE PLAN TO

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), a member of the House Committee

“We are gathered here today to object to the U.S. Department of Justice’s decision to limit the number of

Sadly, this is just the latest example of the Administration’s contempt for the rule of law and their disdain

Last October, our country took an enormous step backwards in our centuries-old commitment to legal rights

The court-stripping provisions included in the MCA law will do serious harm to the long-standing rule that

Shockingly, the Administration is making even more restrictions on the rights of detainees and their lawyers

The Justice Department has asked the federal appeals court charged with handling all appeals of the detainees

- Limit lawyers to only **three visits** with their clients when previously lawyers had no
- Allow all of their correspondence with the detainees to be opened and read;
- And give government officials the power to deny the lawyers access to evidence.

If accepted, the rules would make it all but impossible for the hundreds of lawyers working on Guantanamo

And even more outrageous is the April 2nd and April 30th Supreme Court decisions that rejected appeal

The Administration's treatment of Guantanamo detainees is a serious miscarriage of justice and is coun

Without proper legal representation and without the ability to even challenge the legality of their detentio

That's why I am proud to say that I am an original cosponsor of the Restoring the Constitution Act and th

The most important asset the United States has in the world community is our commitment to the rule of