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## **SCHAKOWSKY CALLS ON PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS TO END IRAQ WAR**

WASHINGTON, DC--U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), founding member of the Out of Iraq Caucus, said today that it is time for the United States to redeploy its combat forces from Iraq.

"It is time for the United States to redeploy its combat forces from Iraq," said U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL).

"It is past time to acknowledge that any further military action on a battlefield we should never have entered in the first place," Schakowsky said.

This week the House of Representatives will vote to set a hard date to end the war at the latest by August 31, 2007.

The American people are clear about their desire to end the mounting loss of life and treasure in Iraq. A hard date is the only way to ensure that the war ends.

The choice is clear: we can either allow the President to continue his open-ended war or we can demand that he end it.

As much as I want an immediate redeployment, we cannot afford to squander this opportunity to set a hard date to end the war.