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SCHAKOWSKY SAYS BUSH POLICIES, NOT GAY MARRIAGE, THREATEN AMERICAN FAMILIES

Says Congress should focus on kitchen table concerns

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky today released the following statement on the gay marriage amendment being debated in the Senate:

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"As instability spreads throughout Iraq and Americans struggle to pay their health care and energy bills, President Bush and Congressional Republicans have engaged in a last-ditch attempt to shore up their base support by doing the bidding of the radical right. □ This amendment is a political ploy that would divide Americans instead of addressing the problems they share." □ □

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"The economic and foreign policies of the Bush Administration, not gay marriage, are threatening American families. □ Republicans should stop invading the personal lives of the American people and should focus instead on the real concerns discussed around kitchen tables across the country. □ This shameful politicking will not divert attention from the Republicans' record of failure. □ It does underscore the depths to which they will sink in their attempt to shift the national dialogue away from the issues facing Americans."