

Press Release

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SCHAKOWSKY STATEMENT ON THE NOMINATION OF JUDGE JOHN G. ROBERTS TO THE SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky issued the following statement on President Bush's nomination of Judge John G. Roberts to the Supreme Court:

"I hope that we don't remember July 19, 2005 as the day President Bush turned back the clock on the Constitutional rights and protections on which all Americans rely. Based on his record, I am greatly concerned that Judge Roberts' confirmation to the Supreme Court would allow right-wing minority positions to be imposed on the majority of Americans."

"Unfortunately, Judge Roberts' record suggests he would be a justice who would undermine a woman's right to choose, fail to uphold our landmark civil rights decisions, side with big corporations at the expense of workers and the environment, and erode the First Amendment rights of Americans."

"Judge Roberts' resume suggests he's more of a partisan loyalist than a judicious interpreter of the Constitution. It is now up to the Senate to conduct a thorough review of Judge Roberts' record. Before a vote to confirm Judge Roberts, the Senate must ensure that he will protect the rights and freedoms of all Americans under the law."