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SCHAKOWSKY ANNOUNCES OPPOSITION TO BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S IMPENDING \$80 BILLION IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR WAR IN IRAQ

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) today announced that she would oppose the Bush Administration's impending request for an additional \$80 Billion to continue the war in Iraq. Congress so far has approved more than \$200 billion in supplemental, or additional, appropriations sought by the White House for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The bulk of the funding, however, has been for the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

"I will not vote to throw more good money after bad. At the same time that the Bush Administration has spent billions of dollars on Iraq, we have seen the insurgency spread, more brave American soldiers lose their lives and innocent Iraqis die in greater numbers. Our military campaign has brought neither security at home nor peace in Iraq. It's time to bring our troops home," Schakowsky said.

She concluded, "A political process has begun, admittedly fragile, and we should support that effort financially and diplomatically because the military solution has not accomplished neither stability nor security in Iraq. What we need today from President Bush is not another request for more money for war, but instead, a clear, rapid and orderly exit strategy from Iraq."