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SCHAKOWSKY: ONE YEAR LATER, IRAQ WAR REMAINS UNJUST AND UNJUSTIFIED

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) today issued the following statement during a news conference on Capitol Hill on the one-year anniversary of the Iraq war:

□ "After one year, hundreds of American soldiers are dead because President Bush sent them to battle a regime that he called an 'urgent threat' that 'has developed weapons of mass destruction' and that ' . is seeking nuclear weapons.'

"Thousands of innocent Iraqi civilians have died because President Bush insisted that we go to war against Iraq because "The regime . . . has aided, trained and harbored terrorists, including operatives of al Qaeda."

"Billions of taxpayer dollars were spent on the war billions more on occupation because President Bush declared: 'We will not permit Saddam Hussein to blackmail and/or terrorize nations which love freedom.'

"One year later, the war with Iraq remains unjust and unjustified.□ There were no weapons of mass destruction or nuclear weapons and there is no link to Al Qaeda.□ President Bush misled the American people a year ago and he is continuing to mislead us today."