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**SCHAKOWSKY: BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S MISSTATEMENT OF THE DAY -
HAITI**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) issued today's "Bush Administration's Misstatement of the Day" on Haiti.

**During his State of the Union address, President Bush said, "*Because of American leadership and resolve, the world is changing for the better.*"
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However, President Bush is refusing to act decisively to prevent a humanitarian crisis that is costing innocent lives and threatening to overthrow a democratic government in Haiti. President Bush even reiterated ".that the U.S. Coast Guard will turn away those who try to escape to the United States by boat." (CNN, 2/25/04)

Schakowsky said, "What is the US waiting for? Are we waiting for a bloodbath in our own neighborhood? There is a crisis in Haiti and the United States must act immediately to end the violence and to protect the people of Haiti."