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SCHAKOWSKY REACTS TO PRESIDENT BUSH'S SUPPORT OF A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OPPOSING GAY MARRIAGE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) today expressed opposition but little surprise following President Bush's announcing his support of a Constitutional Amendment banning gay marriage.[] []

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Below is Schakowsky's statement:

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"For a President who supposedly prides himself on family values, why is he objecting to loving couples joining together in marriage? This is nothing more than a desperate attempt by President Bush to switch the nation's attention away from his failed policies and to restart his fledgling campaign.[] []

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"President Bush wants to amend the U.S. Constitution to ban gay marriage so he won't have to talk about his failed economic and international record.[] Most Americans would rather have a President who will create good jobs and lower their health care costs, instead of a leader willing to play politics with Americans while dividing our country."