

Schakowsky called on the White House to support H.R. 3158, a Democratic proposal to addresses many of the problems the federal government has in assessing and filling local needs. H.R. 3158, or the "Preparing America to Respond Effectively" (PREPARE) Act, would create a process for State and local responders to identify their needs for essential terrorism preparedness capabilities, so that front-line workers in any jurisdiction can determine what they have, what they need, and how much it will cost to meet their needs. The PREPARE Act would also begin to address the problem of providing interoperable communications equipment for emergency responders, which the respondents to the 9th Congressional District survey identified as their number one need.