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**SCHAKOWSKY REACTS TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPORT DETAILING  
ABUSE OF IMMIGRANTS FOLLOWING 9/11**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) today issued the following statement in reaction to a report by the Inspector General of the the Department of Justice detailing the mistreatment of immigrants detained after 9/11. □ □**

**Below is Schakowsky's statement:**

**"Last month in Chicago, I stood with immigrants from several countries from around the world who now live in my district. □ At this event, I committed myself to turning back the assault on immigrants by the Bush Administration. □ I believe that this report by the Department of Justice's Inspector General is a sordid confirmation that, unless we continue to organize and mobilize against this anti-immigrant Administration, many innocent and hard-working people will continue to suffer sustained attacks on their civil liberties and basic human rights. □ □**

**"It is a disgrace that 762 immigrants were taken into custody after 9/11 and held for an average of three months, only to be cleared of any links to terrorism. □ In fact, not one of these immigrant detainees was charged with any terrorist-related crime. □ The Inspector General's report found that, during their detention, these immigrants had their civil liberties and human rights grossly violated. □ Many were treated to a pattern of physical and verbal abuse, were denied access to counsel, and were not charged with any crime for over a month. □ □**

**"As if that alone is not bad enough, there's the question of resources. □ Think of all the government resources that were used to detain immigrants and to round up immigrants for Special Registration. □ These are resources that could have been used to protect the United States and the security of our people. □ Instead, these resources were not spent making us any safer or more secure, and in fact they undermine our position in the world. □ We say to countries, "We want to bring you democracy. □ We want to bring you the values we in the United States hold dear." □ How can we do that when we are detaining people without regard for their human and civil rights? □ We must stand up for all immigrants and push the Administration to make serious changes."**