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**SCHAKOWSKY APPOINTED TO DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS TASK FORCE ON HOMELAND SECURITY**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) today was appointed to serve on the Democratic Caucus Task Force on Homeland Security. The task force will cover specific actions in the areas of counter terrorism, airline safety, travel and commuter safety, compensation and oversight, and will produce proposals dealing with those areas for Congressional action.**

**Members from committees dealing with intelligence issues, transportation, defense, funding and government oversight will serve on the task force. Schakowsky was assigned to the task force in her capacity as a member of Government Reform Committee. The task force is scheduled to hold its first meeting today.**

**"It is an honor to be selected to serve on the Homeland Security Task Force. In the wake of the tragedies that have greatly affected our nation and caused immeasurable suffering to so many people, I am committed to the task at hand," Schakowsky said.**

**"The areas of particular concern to me will be ensuring that our public health infrastructure is capable of effectively responding to the threat of bio terrorism, and that even as we give law enforcement new tools to deal with terrorist threats, we protect our precious civil liberties and guard against racial profiling," Schakowsky added.**