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CONGRESSWOMAN SCHAKOWSKY JOINS EFFORT TO PROTECT CHILDREN COSPONSORS LEGISLATION REQUIRING HANDGUN MANUFACTURERS TO PROVIDE CHILD-SAFETY LOCKS

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- In her efforts to protect children from accidental gun deaths, U.S. Representative Janice Schakowsky (D-IL) today joined Representative Julia Carson (D-IN) in introducing the Child Handgun Injury Prevention Act. The legislation would require handgun manufacturers to provide effective child-safety devices with all handguns.

"I am proud to be here today with Congresswoman Carson to introduce the Child Handgun Injury Prevention Act," Schakowsky said. "This legislation will help prevent the needless death of children due to accidental gun shootings. It is the strongest gun lock legislation ever introduced in Congress."

"Once a month, an Illinois family is left grieving because their child was killed unintentionally by a handgun. That is one child too many. Enough is enough," added Schakowsky.

Statistics show that 80% of unintentional shootings occur in or near the victim's home, and that 91% of handguns involved in unintentional shootings come from the home in which they occur. The Child Handgun Injury Prevention Act would help eliminate these shootings by requiring handgun manufacturers to provide child-safety locks with all handgun purchases.