

SCHAKOWSKY -- TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR CONGRESS TO PASS GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, D.C. U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) today warned that time is running out for Congress to pass gun safety legislation this year.

"In just a short period of time, I attended three funerals in my home town of Evanston. I cried with grieving parents burying their children because of senseless gun violence. I do not want to attend any more funerals, console any more parents, or bury any more children," Schakowsky said.

The Senate passed common sense gun safety legislation this year that would require the sale of child safety locks with each handgun, close the gun show sales loophole, and ban the importation of large capacity ammunition clips. However, the House failed to pass any gun safety measures this year.

Schakowsky urged the House negotiators to agree to the Senate's common sense gun safety measures. The conference committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow.

"Members of the conference committee have an opportunity to do the right thing. Millions of American families are counting on Congress to help end the cycle of violence that has taken the lives of too many children," added Schakowsky.

Earlier on the House floor, Schakowsky joined her Democratic colleagues in reading the names of more than 70 children who have been killed by guns since the shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado this past April.