

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE SCHAKOWSKY ON PASSAGE OF HUD FUNDING BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) issued the following statement in response to the passage of the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies appropriations bill.

"Even though the House approved the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies appropriations bill, one hundred and eighty seven members of the House of Representatives today stood their ground and opposed harmful cuts in our nation's housing budget. The President has promised to veto this bill and we were successful in gaining enough votes to sustain a veto.

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"Without question, this funding bill would result in hundreds of thousands of families and seniors across America not having access to affordable housing. Cities like Chicago would lose tens of millions of dollars for community and economic development efforts, environmental clean-up, and homeless assistance.

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"I am proud to have joined my colleagues in opposing these cruel cuts. We sent a message to millions of Americans that the housing needs of all citizens and the economic growth of communities is on our list of priorities."

Schakowsky is a member of the Banking Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity.