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**SCHAKOWSKY STATEMENT CONDEMNING RECENT VANDALISM AND THREATS AGAINST JEWISH INSTITUTIONS IN CHICAGO**

Washington, D.C.—U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) released the following statement:

“Madam Speaker, I rise to draw my colleagues’ attention to recent attacks on synagogues and Jewish institutions in Chicago.

On Saturday, January 10th, vandals shattered windows, broke down doors, and scrawled graffiti on the exterior of the Chicago Jewish Community Center.

These recent attacks came just over a week after a Molotov cocktail was thrown at Temples of Israel in New York City.

Regardless of anyone’s political views, attacks against religious groups, threats to schools, and threats to the lives of students and teachers are unacceptable.

Similar crimes have been reported in other cities and communities across the country. In Chicago, these attacks are particularly disturbing because they target the Jewish community.

As a proud member of Chicago’s Jewish community, I know that we are strong, vibrant, and resilient. We will not be intimidated by these acts of violence.

Madam Speaker, what we have seen in Chicago in recent days goes beyond politically-motivated acts of vandalism. It is an attack on the Jewish people and on the values of our nation.