WASHINGTON, DC (September 3, 2009) -- Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-IL, released the following statement expressing her unequivocal support for a robust public health insurance plan. Rep. Schakowsky, a member of the House Energy & Commerce Committee has been a strong voice in support of such a plan.

"Many Members of Congress -- including myself -- will not support a health insurance reform bill that does not break the strangle hold of private insurance companies on our health care system. That requires that consumers have a choice of a robust public health insurance plan. I will support nothing short of a robust public health insurance plan upon implementation, no triggers. I believe Congress will pass and the President will sign such a bill this Fall."