WASHINGTON, DC (Oct. 29, 2010) -- Today Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), member of the House Select Committee on Intelligence and Chair of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, released the following statement in response to a terrorist attempt targeting Jewish sites in Chicago through packages sent from overseas.

"I want to commend the Obama Administration and intelligence services for their coordinated efforts and successful interception today of a terrorist plot originating from Yemen and targeting Chicago synagogues. This plot is especially disturbing to me as a representative of the Chicago area and as a member of its Jewish community. I have worked with the Jewish community to help them obtain resources for enhanced security, and I will continue to do so.

"Today's event highlights a stark reality: terrorism on American soil remains a threat and we absolutely must remain vigilant"