WASHINGTON, DC (January 8, 2011) – Rep. Jan Schakowsky (IL-09), issued the following statement on the shooting in Arizona involving Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (AZ-08), members of her staff , and some of her constituents.

“I am horrified at the news that several people, including my colleague Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, were shot today in Tucson, Arizona, some of them fatally. My heart goes out to the families, friends and colleagues of the individuals who were injured or killed in this terrible act of violence. I hold them all in my thoughts and prayers.

“Gabrielle Giffords is a smart and effective Congresswoman, extremely friendly, and very popular with her colleagues. She is a refreshing and thoughtful voice in the Congress and is dedicated to the people of her district to whom she is always accessible. Congresswoman Giffords conducts herself in a dignified, civil manner and with a kind demeanor, making it particularly shocking that she would be the target of such violence. I pray for her full recovery.”