WASHINGTON, DC (March 17, 2011) – Today Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) and Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA) se nt a letter to President Obama , signed by 116 members of Congress, urging continued funding for Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Schakowsky issued the following statement:

"As a strong supporter of the State of Israel, I believe that the United States must remain committed to the security of Israel, and must continue to promote stability and work for peace in the Middle East. At a time when Israelis are being asked to take extraordinary risks for peace, I believe it is critical that. U.S. support remains consistent. In addition, U.S. assistance to the Palestinian Authority furthers the goal of stability and peace in the Middle East by helping the PA expand the West Bank economy, meet the basic needs of its people, and reduce the risk of terror aimed at Israel.

"The best prospect for long-term peace, security, and stability for both Israelis and Palestinians is a negotiated, two-state solution. Though an agreement cannot and should not be imposed from the outside, I strongly support U.S. efforts to work with both parties to help them move toward a solution."