Washington, D.C. (Saturday, May 28, 2011) – Rep. Jan Schakowsky issued the following statement in response to President Obama's letter concerning Poland and the Visa Waiver Program:

"I want to applaud President Obama for his strong commitment to improving ties with our ally Poland and including Poland in the Visa Waiver Program.

As a cosponsor of pending legislation to provide that inclusion and make it easier for Poles to travel to the United States, I was thrilled to receive the President's letter announcing his support for the bill. Passage of the Secure Travel and Counterterrorism Partnership Program Act, **HR 959**, is so important to the Polish American community in the Chicagoland and in my district.

I look forward to winning its enactment soon under the leadership of President Obama and its sponsor Rep. Quigley."

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