Washington, DC (December 10, 2011) -- U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) released the following statement today in response to a payroll tax proposal introduced by Speaker John Boehner.

"The proposal released by the Republican leadership is just one more piece of evidence that they are more interested in protecting the 1% than addressing the needs of the 99%.

They refuse to ask millionaires or billionaires to pay a single penny more in taxes, but they don't have any difficulty asking middle-class seniors to pay more each month for their Medicare benefits.

If anyone had any doubts, all they need to do is read this bill to see that Republicans would rather side with the wealthiest among us than America's seniors."

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