

*Washington, D.C. (July 20, 2012) – Rep. Jan Schakowsky released the following statement today in response to the shooting of innocent moviegoers at a theater in Aurora, Colorado.*

"My deep condolences today are extended to all those who had a loved one killed, injured or terrorized by the senseless, horrifying tragedy in Aurora, Colorado.

Today, Americans everywhere are in mourning and are trying to understand what possible motivations might have led to this evil, violent act by what witnesses have described as a heavily armed, young man. Places that we expect to be safe for our families and children – movie theatres, schools – should never become the scene of such wanton violence. I hope my colleagues in Congress will consider the proliferation of weapons in our neighborhoods and the increasingly easy access to deadly weapons.

My prayers are also with local law enforcement, first responders, and medical professionals who are already working around the clock to save lives. I am thankful that the President has pledged assistance from the federal government to help the families of Aurora. We are united with the people of Aurora as we hope to move forward from this tragedy."

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