

Schakowsky: GOP Cuts Would Devastate Low And Middle Income Earners

U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-9th District) is lambasting House Republican plans to cut \$100 billion from the federal government's FY2011 budget, saying the cuts will hammer low- and moderate-income people. "House Republicans' proposals to slash federal spending programs are irresponsible and indiscriminate, eliminating programs that create jobs and cutting assistance for low-income and middle-class families," she said. "Once again, they are showing their utter disregard for the shrinking middle class and those who aspire to it."

Schakowsky said the GOP would cut \$1.3 billion for community health centers, \$400 million from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and \$758 million from the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program. "The 300,000 beneficiaries in my state of Illinois receive an average benefit of just \$44.62 a month per person – a minimal, but incredibly meaningful subsidy for families," she said of the WIC cut proposal.