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Coalition for a Better IL 6th to Host Adopt-a-District Town Hall with Schakowsky

6th District Constituents Will Host Event in Palatine as Roskam Continues to Refuse to Meet

Palatine, ILL - The Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th (CBIL6) announced today that Rep. Jan Schakowsky, an Evanston Democrat who represents Illinois' 9th District, will speak at an "Adopt-a-District" Town Hall meeting in Palatine on Saturday, June 3.

Rep. Schakowsky agreed to participate in the 6th District Town Hall meeting after the District's representative, Peter Roskam, repeatedly refused to meet with his constituents in person at a town hall meeting.

Roskam says he has only held one large, public town hall meeting since he was elected in 2007. He compares them to "big circuses" and calls them "miserable."

"We're excited that 6th District constituents will finally have a chance to speak with a sitting member of Congress in an open and interactive setting," said Reid McCollum, co-chair of the Coalition. "Peter Roskam avoids his constituents who want to ask legitimate questions about his votes in Congress to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which will take health care insurance away from more than 54,000 people in the 6th District, and about other legislation, including the administration's proposed budget, which makes draconian cuts to Medicaid, Great Lakes research, education and workforce development programs, and other important initiatives."

"It is unacceptable that Rep. Roskam has ignored requests for town halls for the past 10 years. Town hall meetings are an important part of democracy," said Sania Irwin, leader of Our Voice, and one of the Coalition member groups. "Voters need opportunities to interact with their elected representatives. We need to be able to ask questions, share our views, and challenge their opinions in a public setting."

The town hall meeting with Rep. Schakowsky will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at Fremd High School in Palatine. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. Reservations are preferred and can be made by visiting: <http://betterillinois6th.com/adopt-a-district-town-hall/>.

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Audience members will be encouraged to ask questions and share comments with Rep. Schakowsky. There will be no pre-screening of comments and questions.

WHO: The Coalition For A Better Illinois 6th

WHAT: The Coalition For A Better Illinois 6th presents Adopt A District Town Hall with Rep. Jan Schakowsky

WHEN: 6/03/2017 5:00 PM Doors open at 4:30PM.

WHERE: Fremd High School Auditorium 1000 S Quentin, Rd, Palatine, IL 60067

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About the Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th

The Coalition for a Better Illinois 6th (CBIL6) is a network of more than 25 grassroots groups with more than 20,000 members, working in the 6th Congressional District of Illinois who share a core set of values based upon the beliefs that people in the United States of America deserve equal and fair treatment regardless of their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or socioeconomic status and that a successful democracy requires an informed and engaged public. More information about the Coalition can be found at <http://betterillinois6th.com>.

About Rep. Jan Schakowsky

Jan Schakowsky was elected to represent the Illinois' 9th Congressional District in 1998 after serving for eight years in the Illinois General Assembly. She is in her tenth term, serving in the House Democratic Leadership as Chief Deputy Whip and member of the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee. She is a member of the House Budget Committee, as well as the House Energy and Commerce Committee, where she serves as Ranking Member of the Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection Subcommittee, and as a member of the Health and Oversight & Investigations Subcommittees.

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