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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to send my warm greetings to everyone gathered in Chicago, Illinois for the "Honoring the HEROES of Chicago" 2008 Niagara Foundation Peace and Dialogue Awards. The Niagara Foundation does a wonderful job of publicly acknowledging the outstanding achievements of individuals who have distinguished themselves in their line of work, vigor, expertise and service to humanity. The recipients of this award have devoted their time and energy to such areas as community service, community educational involvement, or professional leadership in the media and business arena.

I commend the Niagara Foundation for their efforts to advance the causes of peace, cross-cultural tolerance and human dignity. Established in 1997, the Niagara Foundation helped empower the Turkish American community and make Chicago a stronger, more vibrant and more prosperous place.

Tonight, I am pleased to join with the Niagara Foundation in paying tribute to tonight's honorees. These amazing leaders have unmistakably demonstrated their commitment to the City of Chicago and have helped draw our community closer together as we grow more diverse. I am proud to honor their efforts with my most deeply felt thanks.

On behalf of the people of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, please accept my heartiest congratulations and best wishes for your continued excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Schakowsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

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