CHICAGO - Today, Congressman Mike Quigley (D-IL), whose Chicago-area district is home to one of the United States' largest Polish communities, issued condolences following tragic news of the plane crash that killed Polish President Lech Kaczynski, First Lady Maria Kaczynski, and several ranking military and civilian officers who were traveling to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Katyn massacre:

"Our thoughts, prayers, and support are with all those mourning this overwhelming tragedy today. From the families who lost loved ones in this morning's plane crash to the nation of Poland to Chicago's own shaken Polish-American community, this loss will be felt around the world for years to come. We will stand with our friends as they find the resilience to emerge stronger, as they have before, following this unthinkable event."