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Rochester, NY – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee today released the following statement on Kodak's announcement that they would file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection:

"Like so many in Rochester, I was deeply saddened by today's news that Kodak has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

"Kodak has helped shape our city's identity and even now, in this difficult time, we all still benefit from the talent of current and former Kodak employees and the ideas and products they've created.

"While I expect it will be a different Kodak that emerges after the Chapter 11 proceedings, I know it will still be a company that makes Rochester proud. Like the city it helped support, Kodak is resilient.

"I've been staying in close contact with Kodak's senior management. I have great faith in them and have offered to help them in any way that I can. Likewise I have also been working closely with many of the businesses that make up the Eastman Business Park to ensure that their business operations remain uninterrupted. There is a tremendous potential for growth in the 25 businesses that call the Business Park home and their success must also be protected.

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