

Energy Program Supports Local Delphi Research Team

Rochester, NY –Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today announced that she secured \$25 million to continue advanced fuel cell research at the Department of Energy (DoE) after a funding bill cleared a major hurdle in the House today. Slaughter led House colleagues in reversing the Administration's proposal to eliminate the program in the fiscal year 2013 budget request.

"I'm so pleased that we've been able to restore this vital program in the House," said Slaughter. "At a time when we are recovering from the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, we should all be fighting to boost new industries and create American jobs. This program does just that, and it is a testament to the hard work of the men and women of Delphi in Henrietta who are at the cutting edge of this important research."

Today the House Appropriations Committee included \$25 million for the DoE's solid-oxide fuel cell (SOFC) research and development programs when it voted to approve the fiscal year 2013 Energy and Water appropriations bill. In March, Slaughter led colleagues in continuing her strong support for the program by sending a letter to House appropriators asking them to continue funding of SOFC research and development programs within the DoE in fiscal year 2013. For a copy of the letter, [click here](#).

"Our region is at the forefront of fuel cell innovation and the country is counting on us. Great organizations from our area such as Delphi, RIT, University of Rochester, Praxair, GM and others are all working to develop the environmental and economic benefits of this technology and as a result, we are creating and retaining high-tech jobs right here in the Rochester region."

Local company Delphi currently employs 50 New Yorkers in Henrietta who are working on the DoE SOFC program to develop fuel cells that provide auxiliary power for heavy-duty trucks while idling, which will reduce greenhouse emissions and save fuel costs. Last month, the DoE awarded Delphi's industry team \$4 million to continue the research. The funds came from the final fiscal year 2012 budget in which Slaughter fought for and secured \$25 million for the SOFC energy program. Over the past 10 years, Slaughter has secured more than \$30 million in support of the Delphi industry team in New York.

The fiscal year 2013 Energy and Water appropriations bill now awaits consideration before the full House of Representatives.

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