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Slaughter, Key Supporter of Upstate NY High-Speed Rail Plan, Issues Statement on Obama's High-Speed Rail Speech

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Washington, DC - *Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chair of the House Committee on Rules and a foremost supporter of Upstate New York's high-speed rail project, today issued the following statement following President Barack Obama's speech in support of high-speed rail:*

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“President Obama's forward-thinking support of high-speed rail is what we need to transform our nation's transportation system for the future.

The lack of reliable, efficient transportation has only compounded the problems of regions hit hardest by this economic crisis, including Upstate New York.

A high-speed rail line will boost economic activity, make our cities more accessible and attractive for business and tourism, and create good jobs.

I can hardly think of a better use for federal recovery funds."

Slaughter is a foremost supporter of the effort to develop high-speed rail between Buffalo and Albany with stops in Rochester, Syracuse, and Utica. This rail line is a contender for federal funding designated for high-speed rail in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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