With the recent discussion about the cost of health care reform, Rep. Louise Slaughter today released the following statement:

"It is important for my constituents to know that the House version of the health care reform bill is deficit neutral, according to an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office. This is a bill that pays for itself through cost savings. On July 17, House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman released a letter highlighting the CBO finding that H.R. 3200 is deficit neutral – if savings in Medicare and Medicaid are taken into account. I've told everyone that the deficit neutrality of the health bill is very important to me."

The Speaker's office has prepared a fact sheet on H.R. 3200 and its impact on the deficit .