

Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, released the following statement following President Obama's address to a joint session of Congress on health care:

"I'm very glad the President chose to address a joint session of Congress and lend his voice to such an important debate. His address to Congress and the American people was incredible and an important step toward bringing the parties together on such an important issue. Tonight he did what he said he'd do, laying out a framework and a detailed vision of his health care plan.

"President Obama's voice has been badly needed so that we can clear up the confusion and myths that some are trying to spread about what we are trying to accomplish. Tonight he set the record straight.

"I was so pleased to hear the President remind the American people that reform to our health care system has been tried since Theodore Roosevelt. Many presidents have tried to make health care reform a reality and tonight President Obama vowed to be the last. I'm excited to work with him and my colleagues in the Rules Committee and throughout Congress to make that a reality."