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**"The testimony given today by General Petraeus is nothing more than the predictable and cherry-picked information used to mask the reality of what is really happening in Iraq - something we are so used to hearing from this Administration,"** said Rep. Slaughter. **"While I have great respect for General Petraeus, the truth is that after nearly five years of relentless conflict, the violence in Iraq has not subsided, benchmarks have not been met, and our troops continue to pay the price."**

**"The American people have had enough of the empty promises and rosy scenarios regarding the future of Iraq, and it is time the Administration listens to their demands."**

**&quot;I will continue to demand accountability from the Administration and push for a prompt troop withdrawal,&quot;** Rep. Slaughter continued. **&quot;The American people, numerous current and former military leaders, and a majority of this Congress are tired of giving the Administration one more chance - and tired of giving them our trust.&quot;**

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