Rep. Slaughter initially voted for the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001 because it had the promise of committing federal dollars to ensuring meaningful reform in our nation's schools. NCLB, which sets the country's K-12 educational policies, was well-intentioned but flawed in execution.

Rep. Slaughter believes that NCLB should be fair, flexible and fully funded. She believes that cannot continue to treat all failing schools across the country the same way, regardless of the reasons for their failures. Each school and neighborhood faces its own unique set of problems and solutions.

As Congress begins drafting legislation to overhaul NCLB, Rep. Slaughter is committed to working with local teachers, administrators, and school districts, to formulate federal policies that will ensure fair funding, progress, and high levels of achievement in our public schools while rightfully giving some control back to the states and school districts to allow them to determine their own best strategies to turn around their lowest performing schools.