Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Rules Committee, issued the following statement in response to President Obama's proposed new rescission powers.

"I believe very strongly in the separation of powers and I argued many years ago against expanding the line item veto," Slaughter said. "Because of that, I have very serious concerns about any new proposal that would dramatically reshape the balance of power between the executive and the legislative branches, as this new White House plan calls for. I do not believe that it's wise for Congress to hand over its Constitutionally-mandated responsibilities in any situation, but especially not when it comes to appropriations. This Congress – joined by the current Administration – has worked very hard to bring down the deficit and restore fiscal discipline and I am not sure that giving up our authority over this is the best way to lead."