House Rules Committee Chairwoman Louise Slaughter issued the following statement in response to House Republicans blocking passage of a bill that would extend unemployment compensation:

“Once again House Republicans voted against offering a small measure of help to families that are struggling to make ends meet. Many hard-working Americans, who through no fault of their own, are out of work and need this assistance to help pay bills, put food on the table and provide for their families. I am sorry that the other side could not come together with us today. We know that if people can pay their bills the whole economy benefits.”