WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, today released the following statement as the federal government avoided a shutdown:

“I know the damage a shutdown would have had on Western New York and I’m very glad to see that it was avoided allowing our troops to receive on-time payment, Social Security and Medicare claims to be processed and federal tax refunds to be promptly distributed.

“This victory was not without cost. I have already seen estimates from well-respected economists on both sides of the aisle claiming the measure we take up next week will cost America up to 450,000 jobs which would be a travesty.”