

Freelance Journalist Clare Gillis has Ties to Rochester

Rochester, NY – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today praised the release of journalist Clare Gillis who was captured by forces loyal to Libyan President Moammar Gadhafi last month.

Slaughter has spoken several times with Gillis' grandmother who is Slaughter's constituent and lives in Rochester.

"I am delighted that Clare Gillis was today released from her Libyan government captors," said Slaughter. "I've spoken several times with her grandmother who has enough spunk for all of us. She has told me of Clare's energy, intelligence and insatiable curiosity. Today is a great day for her and her family and I continue to send them my best wishes."

[Clare Morgana Gillis](#) , a correspondent for The Atlantic and USA Today was captured with two other Western journalists who were covering the fighting outside of Brega, Libya on April 5.

In the past, Slaughter has spoken out for greater freedom of the press. In October 2007, Slaughter spoke on the House floor supporting the Free Flow of Information Act (H.R. 2102), better known as the "Shield Law". Text of that statement is available [here](#) .