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WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28), who represents Buffalo's east side today said the following in response to Mayor Bloomberg's swipe at the Queen City.

"Buffalo has some of the greatest treasures in the nation. It boasts architecture by Frank Lloyd Wright and parks designed by Olmstead.

"Economic times have not been good to much of Upstate New York and we know that, but with the kind of people in Buffalo, and the educated work force the solid work ethic they share, we know that Buffalo is on its way back.

"This reminds me of the time that Ed Koch said people Upstate were wasting their time in pickup trucks and wore gingham dresses.

"I am shocked that anyone as literate and bright as Mayor Bloomberg would know so little about Buffalo.

"I always love coming down to New York City and we'd love to have Mayor Bloomberg up in Buffalo. In fact when he comes up we'll have him meet with the real experts on snow removal so he'll be ready to handle it next time."