

WASHINGTON-House Rules Committee Ranking Member Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today released the following statement on the Republican's hastily considered legislation to prohibit federal funding of National Public Radio.

**“This bill has not received one iota of input from the American public. Instead Republicans are rushing a bill through what they describe as an emergency meeting of the Rules Committee and violating their own pledge to allow 72 hours for members to ‘read the bill’. There have been no committee hearings or markups. This is hardly the open and deliberative process we were promised by the majority.”**

□ **“NPR plays a valuable role in providing millions of Americans with in-depth reporting and is often the only source of reliable news in rural parts of the country. NPR doesn't try to blur the line between opinion, fact and political agenda. It is under attack in the name of fiscal responsibility and yet a preliminary report by the Congressional Budget Office has determined the legislation does absolutely nothing to reduce the deficit. With millions of Americans still unemployed, we can't afford to fritter away valuable time pandering to a few far-right ideologues.”**