WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, today applauded a provision of the National Defense Authorization Act that could greatly benefit local manufacturer of radios and defense communications, Harris RF Communications.

"It gives me great comfort whenever I know that our soldiers are equipped with Harris' radios because I know that Rochester's top-notch workforce makes products renowned for quality. It is my hope that more of the radios needed by the Army can be provided by the men and women of Harris."

In May, a provision was inserted into the House version of the bill that withholds 30 percent of the funding for the Army's Joint Tactical Radio Program until the Secretary of the Army certifies that radios acquired by the program are done so through full and open competition. Ensuring competition will help allow contractors like Harris to compete for contracts to produce radios for soldiers overseas.

The provision was inserted into the bill by the House Armed Services Committee at Slaughter's request.