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Veterans Day: "The Debt Our Nation Owes To 24 Million American Veterans Is  
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Washington, DC - Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, issued the following statement on the eve of Veterans Day:

"Each November, Americans come together to remember our veterans who have served the nation, often at great risk, and those who we have lost for the cause of our freedom. The debt our nation owes to 24 million American veterans is immeasurable. Their sacrifices, and those of our military families, are freedom's foundation. Indeed, without the brave efforts of our men and women in uniform, our country would not stand so strong, shine so brightly and live so freely.

On this Veterans Day, let us support and pay tribute to the veterans of tomorrow, our courageous troops currently serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the globe. We honor the more than 4,000 Americans who have died in Iraq, as well as the 600 who have died in Afghanistan. We also honor the wounded: more than 30,000 U.S. troops in Iraq and 2,500 in Afghanistan.

This New Direction Congress has made an unprecedented commitment to our veterans, enacting a new GI Bill and the largest increase in veteran's healthcare in our nation's history. In the next Congress, we will redouble our efforts to strengthen our military, support our troops and their families, and provide services to our veterans worthy of their sacrifices and valor. On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind. As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind."

