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Washington, DC - Congresswoman
Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chair of the House Committee on Rules, today
issued the following statement on the historic inauguration of Barack Obama.

"Today marked a momentous and historic occasion as Barack Obama became our 44th President and the first African-American to lead our country. Americans across this nation came together in the spirit of change and renewal.

The extraordinary challenges we face demand that we work together as a nation to address them. I look forward to joining with President Obama, the 111th Congress, and all Americans to bring about real change.

My number one priority is to strengthen our economy and put America back to work. I am ready to hit the ground running to help President Obama pass his plan to create and save three million jobs, rebuild our infrastructure including high-speed rail, make health care more affordable, and invest in a cleaner and more efficient energy future."

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