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Delta Airlines to Add Four Daily Round-Trip Flights To Each City Starting June 8

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, is pleased to announce that Delta Airlines will be adding four new daily round-trip flights from JFK Airport in New York City to Buffalo and Rochester. The additional service will begin on June 8th.

"People travel to Western New York for business, for pleasure, and to see one of our nation's most scenic regions," Rep. Slaughter said. "And if we want our businesses to expand, and our institutions of research and higher learning to thrive, we need easy and affordable transportation to the area."

"That's why I've continued to fight for expanded air service to Western New York, and why this deal will so greatly benefit both Delta and our citizens," Rep. Slaughter said.

Rep. Slaughter has worked throughout her career to expand low-cost air service to Western New York. She played a critical role in bringing Jet Blue to Rochester and Buffalo, and successfully worked to recruit AirTran's service to the region.

Rep. Slaughter has also secured millions of dollars in federal funding for the region's airports (\$7.2 million in the 109th Congress alone), which has helped keep them fully modernized, and kept them open to new expansions in service from major carriers.

Recently, she partnered with Rep. Randy Kuhl (R-NY-29) to secure \$2.6 million in a FY 2006 transportation appropriations bill for the Greater Rochester International Airport, and previously worked to get \$1.5 million in funding for the airport in the FY 2005 federal budget. She has also supported efforts to secure additional federal funding for the Buffalo-Niagara International Airport.