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Slaughter Inspects Facilities and Speaks with Hospital Administrators

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Rules Committee, today was joined by fellow members of the Congressional Women's Caucus for a trip to the Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, DC. The visit allowed Rep. Slaughter to inspect the Walter Reed facilities first-hand while also speaking to hospital administrators about the care being given to wounded and recovering soldiers.

"Regardless of party, everyone agrees that our troops fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq have performed their duties with courage and integrity," Rep. Slaughter said. "Those who have been wounded deserve the best care possible, and our country must guarantee that they and their families will be given whatever they need to heal during the recovery process."

"I am grateful to have had the opportunity today to visit Walter Reed, personally examine the facilities, and speak with officials regarding the care being given to our injured soldiers," Rep. Slaughter said.

"The unacceptable conditions facing our wounded soldiers at Walter Reed have shocked the conscience of our nation, and with good cause," continued Slaughter. "I will continue to do all I can to ensure that our troops have the tools, resources, care, and support they need, both on the battlefield and when they return home."

Rep. Slaughter toured many facilities at Walter Reed, notably the dormitories, outpatient services, and the brain and trauma unit.

Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital serves as a regional military medical command center, and oversees the 40 Army hospitals in the Northeast. It is directly responsible for approximately 25 percent of the Army's patient load in the United States. The hospital admits an average of 35 patients per day, and maintains a staff of roughly 600 full-time physicians.

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