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"As I have done in the past, I will explore Congressional action to once again help save this plant and fight back against predatory trade practices," said Rep. Slaughter. "Western New York simply cannot afford to lose good jobs to foreign companies not playing by the rules. Like many of our other local businesses, the employees at FMC deserve to have their government working on their behalf to ensure our federal trade laws are being adhered to."

FMC's Tonawanda Plant is the only remaining North American Producer of per sulfates and produces the chemical more efficiently than anywhere else in the world.

In 2003 Rep. Slaughter led the charge to put pressure on the Department of Commerce to enforce anti-dumping restrictions on Chinese per sulfates entering the U.S. market. This campaign was successful, and the Commerce Department now imposes adequate dumping duties. Unfortunately now, European, Taiwanese and Japanese companies are picking up where the Chinese left off, and are persistently dumping into and trying to capture the U.S. market.

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