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The Science Coalition Mourns the Loss of Science Champion Rep. Louise Slaughter

WASHINGTON – The Science Coalition (TSC) released the following statement in response to the news that Representative Louise Slaughter (D-NY-25) passed away early Friday morning:

“The Science Coalition mourns the loss of Representative Louise Slaughter, a true champion of science and basic research. Having served Western New York for decades, and as the only microbiologist in Congress, Slaughter’s commitment to science was undeniable.

“In the early 1990’s she championed legislation to ensure that women and minorities were included in all federal health trials, established the Office of Research on Women’s Health (ORWH) at the National Institutes of Health, and allocated the first \$500 million in federal funding for breast cancer research at the NIH. As a member of leadership, and as Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, she played an instrumental role in advocating for critical investments in basic research and helped lead the debate on important legislation like the America COMPETES Act.

“She was also a great supporter of research institutions in New York State. Because of her commitment to advancing federally-funded basic research in New York and beyond, she was the recipient of the Science Coalition’s Champion of Science award in 2013.”

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About The Science Coalition

Established in 1994, [The Science Coalition](http://www.sciencecoalition.org) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of more than 50 of the nation’s leading public and private research universities. It is dedicated to sustaining the federal government’s investment in basic scientific research as a means to stimulate the economy, spur innovation, and drive America’s global competitiveness.