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**AAAS CEO Rush Holt Statement on Death of Rep. Louise Slaughter**

“I was incredibly sorry to hear of Louise Slaughter’s passing. One of the few members of Congress with an educational background in science, she demanded evidence in her consideration of subjects ranging from antibiotic-resistant disease to gun safety to education to electronic voting machines. She was a good friend to me and, with her passion for individual rights and artistic culture, was also a pleasure to serve with in Congress. Her leadership in the passage of the Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act and her relentless fight to ensure that women and minorities were represented in clinical trial research are emblematic of her commitment to serving society and advancing science. Rep. Slaughter was a strong supporter of the AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships program and she will be greatly missed by both the scientific community and her colleagues in Congress.

– Rush Holt, chief executive officer, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); former member, U.S. House of Representatives

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