Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, issued the following statement in response to reports that the Pentagon has reversed a policy banning embedded reporters from taking photos of American war casualties.

“I am relieved that this short-lived attempt to control the media and the public’s right to know has come to an end,” Slaughter said. “Prior restraint on photography is not a good policy for the Pentagon. It’s always been my belief that the American people should see the hard reality of our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.”