Congresswoman Louise Slaughter joined with state and national leaders in calling for the immediate resignation of State Senator Hiram Monserrate, who was convicted on October 15 of third-degree assault for attacking his girlfriend with a broken wine glass.

“As a coauthor of the Violence Against Women Act, I find it offensive that Sen. Monserrate has not already resigned, “ Slaughter said. “Domestic violence is unacceptable from anyone, let alone from an elected official of the State of New York. Sen. Monserrate should resign immediately for this serious offense, and if he does not, he should be removed from office by the Senate.”

Slaughter is a tireless advocate for women and women's health issues. She is a former co-chair of the Congressional Women's Caucus, and a major author of the Violence Against Women Act.