In this difficult economy, Congresswoman Slaughter has supported efforts to extend benefits to assist the unemployed. She has:

- Has cosponsored multiple bills to extend the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act and to provide additional coverage for workers in high unemployment states. Most recently, in 2008, Rep. Slaughter supported and voted for legislation that provided up to 13 weeks of extended unemployment benefits to workers exhausting the 26 weeks of regular unemployment benefits to help support people during tough economic times. This legislation was signed into law on June 30th, 2008.

- Organized rallies and petition drives to draw attention to the plight of workers who have exhausted all their state and federal unemployment benefits.

- Cosponsored a bill to repeal the inclusion of unemployment benefits in gross income for tax purposes. Requested adequate funding for the Workforce Investment Act, which provides training for the unemployed.