Rep. Slaughter authored the America After School Act, a bill to increase the availability and affordability of quality care for 5-to-15-year-olds both before and after school, as well as during summers and weekends. The bill would give students a safe environment in which to do homework, receive tutoring in basic skills, participate in college preparation activities and investigate technology. Rep. Slaughter continues to help bring about a substantial funding increase for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Initiative. This program funds after school projects that utilize local public schools and their existing resources, such as computers, libraries, and gymnasiums.