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Slaughter and Assini Debate

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. -- The candidates for the 25th Congressional District debated on local television Tuesday night.

Republican challenger and Gates Town Supervisor Mark Assini took on long-time Democratic incumbent Louise Slaughter. The two debated a number of topics including local infrastructure and transportation.

They also talked up the Affordable Healthcare Act, which the Republican-controlled House has voted dozens of times to repeal. Afterward, both candidates continued to have different outlooks on the local economy.

"Right now, we have the lowest workforce participation rate in 32 years in New York State. Unemployment is crushing this state and it's about business taxes. We can't have the world's highest business taxes and expect to grow the job market and there's a number of ideas I have that I'd like to get across on business and how to bring it back to New York State," said Assini.

"We've done so much work at Eastman Business Park. There's 1,200 acres up there. Fifty-seven companies, 5,000 employees growing all the time. The future Chester Carlsons and George Eastmans are at work up there right now and that's going to be the answer to our economy. And we work on it all the time and it's so important to get that done," said Rep. Slaughter.

The 30 minute debate was hosted by WROC TV and the League of Women Voters.



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