

Letters about Kuhl were mean and wrong

To the Editor:

After reading the letters to the editor (*Times*, Dec. 7) regarding Congressman Kuhl's trip to Brazil, I was shocked and dismayed that anyone would write such mean-spirited comments, especially since there was not a shred of truth to it.

I checked with Congressman Kuhl's office. Apparently I was the only one who actually checked. Our congressman spent Thanksgiving with his family, just as you and I did.

Yes, Congressman Kuhl did go to Brazil, as did nine other congressmen. There were Democrats and Republicans, led by New York Democratic Representative Eliot Engle. The congressmen went to Brazil to research that country's strategy on energy independence. In fact, that country has done a better job than we have. Brazil is virtually energy self-sufficient, including a vast ethanol production capacity based upon sugar cane.

No, the congressman didn't travel by private jet, stay at a 5-star hotel, spend time at the pool or beach. You don't have to take my word for it, check for yourself. Congressman Kuhl's office will be happy to supply you with the real facts. It's

time to set the record straight

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Congratulations to the students of Waterloo

To the Editor:

I was amazed looking at the picture of the Waterloo Middle School students (*Times*, Dec. 3).

Every year, the students in the Waterloo school district raise over \$5,000 for the Seneca County Community Christmas Project. They also provide toys to over 50 children along with hats, mittens, socks, wrapping paper, and other gifts.

This year, the Waterloo Middle School students and teachers donated 45 Thanksgiving baskets to Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, which were distributed to low-income families in Seneca County.

The teachers and staff of the Waterloo Central Schools should be praised for encouraging their students to think of families that are less fortunate. These are life-long lessons these kids will take into adulthood.

Congratulations to all the students of Waterloo Central School, and especially to the teachers who encourage them.