

# Hillary Rodham Clinton

## Senator

Hillary Rodham Clinton was elected United States Senator from New York on November 7, 2000. She is the first First Lady elected to the United States Senate. After two years in the Senate, Senator Clinton has graduated from the freshman class where she worked in a bipartisan way to get legislation passed, traveled to every corner of New York State, secured millions in appropriations and built a strong and effective constituent service operation. Senator Clinton serves on the Senate Committees for Environment and Public Works; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; and was recently appointed to the Senate Armed Services Committee. She is the first New Yorker to serve on this committee.

During the 107th Congress, Senator Clinton worked to make the extension of Unemployment Insurance a national priority; supported the 2002 Farm Bill that helped New York's \$3.4 billion agriculture industry; hosted the first Broadband Conference in Upstate New York to encourage improved broadband access; brought the Dublin, Ireland, Chamber of Commerce to Buffalo; introduced legislation to rebuild our schools; championed a block grant to provide direct funding for our first responders; worked to reinstate the "Pediatric Rule" so that all medicines and vaccines are safe for children; and introduced legislation to strengthen the Upstate economy. In the 108th Congress, national security, homeland security and economic security remain at the top of the Senator's legislative agenda.

To meet the great challenge of helping New York recover from the terrorist attacks, Senator Clinton worked to secure \$21.4 billion in funding for clean up and recovery, to provide health tracking for first responders and volunteers who worked at Ground Zero, and grants for small businesses. Rebuilding and securing additional resources remains a priority for Senator Clinton in the 108th Congress.

Senator Clinton is recognized around the world as an advocate for democracy, religious tolerance and human rights, and as a champion for women and girls, emphasizing access to education, economic opportunity, family planning and women's rights to make their own decisions on reproductive health.

Born in Chicago, Illinois on October 26, 1947, Senator Clinton is the daughter of Dorothy Rodham and the late Hugh Rodham. She grew up in Park Ridge, Illinois and attended public school there. She attended Wellesley College and is a 1973 graduate of Yale Law School. Senator Clinton is married to former President William J. Clinton and they have one daughter, Chelsea.

The Senator has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Claude Pepper Award of the National Association for Home Care, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Medal, the Servant of Justice Award of the New York City Legal Aid Society, the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal, the Public Spirit Award of the American Legion Auxiliary, the Shalom Chaver Award for International Leadership of the Yitzhak Rabin Center for Israel Studies, the Albert Shanker Award of the New York State United Teachers.

In 1997, Senator Clinton wrote the best selling book *It Takes a Village: and Other Lessons Children Teach Us*. She also wrote *Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Kids Letters to the First Pets*. Her latest book, *An Invitation to the White House* was an immediate best seller and won critical acclaim as a tribute to the historic home of the nation's presidents and the families who have lived there. Senator Clinton is presently at work on a new book to be released later this year. In addition, the Senator has authored numerous magazine and journal articles as well as op-ed pieces.