

# Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton

Hillary Rodham Clinton was elected United States Senator from New York on November 7, 2000. She is the only First Lady ever elected to the United States Senate. Now midway through her six-year term, Senator Clinton has proven to be a strong advocate for New York, working in a bipartisan way to pass legislation, secure millions in appropriations and draw attention to issues that matter to people throughout New York State. Senator Clinton serves on the Senate Committees for Environment and Public Works; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; and is the first New York Senator to serve on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

During the 108th Congress, Senator Clinton made homeland security, economic security, and national security her top priorities.

After the terrorist attacks of 2001, Senator Clinton worked hard to secure \$21.4 billion in funding to assist clean up and recovery, to provide health tracking for first responders and volunteers at Ground Zero and to create grants for redevelopment. This past year she has remained vigilant - issuing two comprehensive studies that examined the disbursement of federal homeland security funds to local communities and first responders. Senator Clinton is committed to making certain that funds are delivered and services provided by the most direct and efficient means possible.

As part of a continuing effort to work on upstate New York economic development, Senator Clinton led a bipartisan effort to bring next-generation broadband access to rural communities; co-sponsored the 21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act; included language in the Energy Bill to provide tax exempt bonding authority for environmentally conscious construction projects, like the mall project in Syracuse; and introduced an amendment to create jobs by repairing, renovating, and modernizing our schools. To help displaced workers, Senator Clinton won an extension of Unemployment Insurance that was passed on the first day of the 108th Congress. She has called for an additional extension to help displaced New York workers weather the weak job market. Senator Clinton has continued to speak out against the tax cuts for wealthiest Americans, which has led to the elimination of a federal budget surplus and a return to irresponsible deficit spending.

This past Thanksgiving, Senator Clinton visited American troops in Afghanistan and Iraq to show her support and to see first hand the challenges they face. She was honored to spend the holiday talking with troops, including many servicemen and women from the 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum and the 914th Airlift Wing out of Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. Senator Clinton has emphasized that support for our troops should not end when their tour of duty is over. Throughout the year, she has continued to fight for fair treatment of our veterans by focusing on veterans' health care and other important needs.



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.

Senator Clinton's latest book, *Living History*, was released in June of 2003. *Living History* was an immediate best seller, selling more than 1.5 million copies in the United States and another 1.5 million copies abroad. She is also the author of *It Takes a Village: and Other Lessons Children Teach Us*, *An Invitation to the White House*, and *Dear Socks, Dear Buddy: Kids Letters to the First Pets*.