

# HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

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Dear Friends:

While I regret that I cannot be with you in person today, I am honored to receive this year's Charlotte Striebel Long Distance Runner Award from Minnesota NOW. I am personally partial to yoga, but I have run my fair share of races and am grateful to all those who have similarly dedicated themselves to advancing women's rights, in and out of public office.

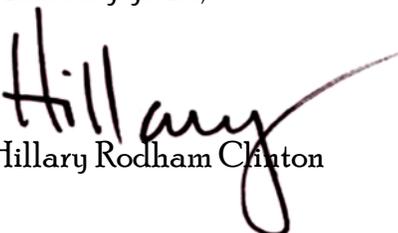
Like so many of you, I have spent my entire career fighting for women and girls, and I've learned - through successes and setbacks alike - that gaining ground and making progress is marathon, not a sprint. And, as we know all too well, there is still so much work left to be done. We still have to close the wage gap; fight for paid family leave; make quality, affordable child care a reality for families; increase the minimum wage; defend and enhance Social Security; protect women's health and reproductive rights; protect and advance LGBT rights; confront violence against women and address the epidemic of gun violence; and promote women's rights around the world. Issues that affect women's lives are not just "women's issues;" they are family issues and economic issues, and they are crucial to America's long-term success.

While we didn't get the outcome so many of us had hoped for in the 2016 election, I am so grateful to each and every one of you for continuing to ensure that women have a voice and a seat at the table in Minnesota. We stand on the shoulders of so many remarkable women who have fought to help us claim what is rightfully ours in the workplace, in our society, in our economy, and in our political system. In their honor, and in honor of our daughters and granddaughters - and sons and grandsons - we have to keep going; we have to keep running. We must never grow weary of doing what is right, and we must never forget that it is our obligation to fight until every woman and man in America has the dignity, justice, and opportunity they deserve. and continuing to fight for seats at the table - in courtrooms, city halls, state houses, the U.S. Capitol, and, yes, even in the Oval Office

So let's continue to stand up, organize, resist, put forth good ideas, and always, always dare to compete - for there are more seasons to come, and there is more work to be done. Thank you, again, for this wonderful honor.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Hillary Rodham Clinton