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SENATOR HILLARY CLINTON ENDORSES DEMOCRAT RICK DOLLINGER FOR STATE SENATE

*Clinton joins Governor Paterson, Congresswoman Slaughter, in Chorus of Support
for Dollinger*

Rochester, NY – October 8, 2008 – New York Senator Hillary Clinton announced her endorsement of Democrat Rick Dollinger for the New York State Senate in the 56th Senatorial District today.

"Voters in Monroe County know that our state faces the tough challenge of rebuilding our middle class, creating a healthcare system that is accessible to all, improving and safeguarding our children's education, and remedying the dysfunction in Albany," said Senator Clinton. "Rick Dollinger possesses the integrity, vision, and know-how to create real change in Albany and deliver results for our community."

"We are at a turning point, the stakes are high, and New York cannot afford to fail. This election is of paramount importance, and it will require all of our strength, energy, and passion in order to elect a new Democratic Majority in the State Senate," explained Clinton. "Together, we can accomplish this goal, and through it we will make New York state great again."

"I am honored to have Senator Clinton's support as we fight to move New York State forward," said Dollinger. "Senator Clinton demonstrates the caliber of leadership that is so desperately needed all across our nation and she's an invaluable asset to our progress here in New York."

Senator Clinton's endorsement comes at a time when the state's top leaders and officials are mobilizing behind Dollinger as he continues to build an unprecedented level of local and statewide support. Democrats are fighting to take back the State Senate majority for the first time in over 40 years. On Friday, October 10th Governor David Paterson will be in Rochester to host a fundraiser and make his endorsement of Dollinger official.

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