



## Hillary Clinton: A Champion for Rural America

America's rural communities are at the heart of our nation's success. Hillary Clinton knows that the strength of our communities, the affordability of our food, and the independence and sophistication of our energy supply all depend on a vibrant rural America. Despite their critical role in driving our economy, too many rural communities are not sharing in our nation's gains: poverty is too high, agricultural production is low, and the foundations of success—including accessible health care and affordable education—are often out of reach. Clinton will fight to strengthen rural communities across America.

### As President, Hillary will:

- **Get incomes rising again and boost agricultural production.** Hillary Clinton is determined to help hardworking rural residents who, on average, have lower incomes than urban residents. Clinton will increase funding to support the next generation of farmers and ranchers, invest in expanding local food markets and regional food systems, and provide a focused safety net to assist farmers during tough times.
- **Boost small businesses in rural areas.** Hillary Clinton will break down the barriers that are holding back many small businesses in rural areas. She will expand access to equity capital for businesses, expand the New Markets Tax Credit, and create a national infrastructure bank to improve rural transportation, water, and broadband infrastructure.
- **Build a clean energy 21st century economy.** Clinton has a bold plan to help rural communities transition to a clean energy economy. Her plan calls for the installation of more than half a billion solar panels across the country by the end of her first term and will put America on a path to generate enough renewable energy to power every home within 10 years of taking office.
- **Revitalize coal communities.** As we invest in a clean energy economy, Hillary Clinton will not allow coal communities to be left behind. This is why she has a \$30 billion plan to ensure coal miners and their families get the benefits they've earned and the opportunities they need to transition into a clean energy economy.
- **Defend the ACA and increase health care access.** Nearly a sixth of Americans live in rural areas, but barely a tenth of physicians practice there. Clinton will integrate telehealth, remote patient monitoring, and other information technologies into our broader health system to ensure rural Americans get the care they need.
- **Improve access to education.** Students from rural areas attend two-year institutions at a higher rate than their peers in urban areas. Clinton will make community college tuition free so that young students can gain the skills they need to succeed. She will also ensure that rural schools access college-prep courses in high school through online learning.

- **Bring an end to substance abuse.** This disease is particularly devastating in rural America. Hillary Clinton will fight to ensure that our rural communities have better access to early intervention and treatment.
- **Fight for comprehensive immigration reform.** America's immigrants and migrant workers play a critical role in developing and supporting America's agricultural economy. Clinton will fight for a path to full and equal citizenship.

### Hillary Clinton has a record of advocating for rural America. As a New York senator, she:

- **Expanded markets for New York's farmers.** Clinton helped create a "farm-to-fork" initiative that promotes the state's agricultural industry by connecting farmers with distributors, farmers' markets, schools and restaurants in the state.
- **Boosted small businesses in rural areas.** Clinton spearheaded creation of the Northern Adirondack Trading Cooperative and the Finger Lakes Trading Cooperative to help local small rural businesses expand their markets and distribute their goods worldwide via the internet through training and professional support.
- **Championed increased broadband access.** Clinton championed legislation to provide incentives to investment in broadband deployment in rural and underserved areas across the country.
- **Strengthened economic opportunities for families across the country.** From consistently voting to raise the minimum wage to supporting small businesses to championing the Paycheck Fairness Act, Clinton worked tirelessly to create better prospects for middle class families across America.
- **Fought to increase access to education.** Clinton championed the Pell Grants program and introduced legislation to expand public awareness of financial aid opportunities.

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