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## **EMILYs List Endorses Kirsten Gillibrand for Reelection to the United States Senate**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today EMILYs List, the nation’s largest resource for women in politics, endorsed Kirsten Gillibrand for reelection to the United States Senate. EMILYs List President Laphonza Butler released the following statement:

“Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand has always been a pro-choice champion for the people of New York and for all Americans, fighting tenaciously to protect reproductive freedom, uplift women and families, and defend against extremism. EMILYs List is proud to re-endorse Gillibrand and stand by her campaign because we know she has what it takes to continue fighting for our rights in her next term, and because her voice is a crucial one in Washington.”

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand is running for reelection to continue fighting for New York families. She grew up in upstate New York in a family of women with a tradition of public service. She learned about campaigning and organizing from her political powerhouse grandmother, and her mother’s legal work taught her the importance of advocating for overlooked communities. Gillibrand followed their lead, first working as a lawyer, then finding her own path to public service. That path, which started at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, led her back to upstate New York, where she decided to raise her family and make a long-shot bid to represent her home district in Congress. In 2006, Gillibrand, and her 2-year-old son Theo, hit the campaign trail, taking on a long-term Republican incumbent in a district with a 2-1 Republican majority — and won. EMILYs List was with her every step of the way. When she became a senator in 2009, she drew on her mother’s commitment to raising the voices of those who most need advocates and gained a reputation for taking on the toughest fights in Washington. She is also carrying on her grandmother’s fight to bring women into the political process, making it her mission to help more women run for office. In 2010, she launched Off the Sidelines, issuing a call to women and girls to get involved, raise their voices, and put their names on the ballot. Gillibrand is a graduate of Dartmouth College

and the UCLA School of Law. She splits her time between upstate New York and Washington, D.C., and lives with her husband, Jonathan; their two sons, Theo and Henry; and their labradoodle, Maple.

*EMILYs List, the nation's largest resource for women in politics, works to elect Democratic pro-choice women up and down the ballot and across the country with a goal of fighting for our rights and our communities. Our work is centered around a fundamental vision: Run. Win. Change the World. EMILYs List has raised \$850 million in service to that vision and has helped Democratic women win competitive elections by recruiting and training candidates, supporting and helping build strong campaigns, researching the issues that impact women and families, running one of the largest independent expenditure operations for Democrats, and turning out women voters to the polls. Since our founding in 1985, we have helped elect the country's first woman as vice president, 175 women to the House, 26 to the Senate, 20 governors, and over 1,500 women to state and local office. More than 40% of the candidates EMILYs List has helped elect to Congress have been women of color. Visit [www.emilyslist.org](http://www.emilyslist.org) for more information.*

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