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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send my warmest greetings to everyone gathered in Charleston for the 2016 Convention of the National Federation of Democratic Women. I am so sorry that I cannot be with you in person, but please know that I am sending my best wishes for what I know will be an unforgettable weekend in the company of your fellow Democrats and in support of the progressive values we hold dear. As you celebrate 45 amazing years (what a lucky number!) of the NFDW, I am more grateful than ever for your leading role in ensuring that women are able to participate fully in the political life of our country.

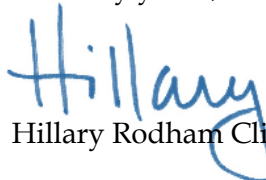
As we work to “make her story history,” we must never forget that we stand on the shoulders of so many extraordinary women who have fought to help us claim what is rightfully ours in the workplace, in our society, in our economy, and in our political system. In their honor, and in honor of our daughters and granddaughters – and sons and grandsons – we have to keep going. We 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.

Like so many of you, I have spent my entire career fighting for women and girls – and I’m just getting started! If I am so fortunate to serve as president, I will work tirelessly with you 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 building a brighter American future.

Finally, I want to send my love and thanks to the many South Carolinians who are hosting you in the Palmetto State. South Carolina holds such a special place in my heart; I have celebrated there, mourned there, and its remarkable and resilient people are never far from my mind. Please know that I am sending you all my best wishes for a wonderful convention, and my gratitude for your continued leadership. When women succeed, America succeeds – so let’s keep fighting with all our hearts, and let’s win!

With warm wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


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