Hillary Clinton's Letter

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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to send greetings to each of you celebrating the 100th anniversary of the first women graduates from the Law School of the University at Buffalo, State University of New York.

It is wonderful that you have come together this evening to recognize the remarkable achievements of women like Cecil B. Weiner and Helen Z.M. Rogers who opened the doors of opportunity for so many women in the legal profession and for women's rights throughout our nation. In July of 1998, I was honored to speak at the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the First Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York. We came together not to hold a convention, but to celebrate those who met there one hundred and fifty years ago, to commemorate how far we have travelled since then, and to challenge ourselves to persevere on the journey that was begun all those many years ago. This evening's celebration recognizes that if women flourish, then their families will flourish. When families flourish, communities and nations flourish. As we approach the next century and a new millennium, now is a more important time than ever to celebrate the essential contributions women make to their family, profession, community and country.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful celebration and my hopes that women will continue on the path of success in the legal profession throughout the next millennium.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton