



## *Rep. Kristen Gillibrand (NY-20)*

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Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand was sworn into office on January 4, 2007 and is serving her first term as U.S. Representative to New York's Twentieth Congressional District, which stretches across Saratoga, Dutchess, Columbia, Rensselaer, Washington, Warren, Delaware, Greene, Essex and Otsego Counties.

Congresswoman Gillibrand serves on the House Armed Services Committee and the Agriculture Committee. On the Armed Services Committee Representative Gillibrand serves on the Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities subcommittee and the Army and Air Force Programs subcommittee.

During the administration of President Clinton, Gillibrand served as Special Counsel to the U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Andrew Cuomo. At HUD she played a key role in furthering HUD's Labor Initiative and New Markets initiative, working to strengthen enforcement of the Davis-Bacon Act and drafting new markets legislation for public and private investment in building infrastructure to revitalize lower income areas across the nation.

Following federal service, Congresswoman Gillibrand entered the private sector, joining one of the Country's premier law firms. As a partner in the firm, she worked on a wide range of legal and policy related issues, requiring the knowledge and ability to negotiate on the highest levels, skills which will serve her constituents well as a Member of Congress.

Kirsten Gillibrand is a firm believer that those in a position to do so have an obligation to "give back" by serving their community. In addition to her responsibilities at the law firm, she maintained an extensive pro-bono practice for clients whose voices are seldom heard and needs seldom addressed. Her service on behalf of abused women and their children, and tenants seeking safe affordable housing without lead paint hazards has been tireless.

At the heart of Representative Gillibrand's core values is the inspiration of her grandmother, Dorothea (Polly) Noonan, who was a founder of the area's first women's Democratic club and was a pioneer for women's rights in the region.

As Congresswoman Gillibrand enters her new position as the Representative for New York's 20th Congressional District, she commits herself to deliver her best efforts to serve the people of the entire district regardless of political affiliations. She embraces her new responsibilities with gratitude to the many thousands of voters who put their faith in her, and promises, in the tradition of her remarkable grandmother to never forget where she came from or whose interests she seeks to serve – the people.

Raised in the Capital region Congresswoman Gillibrand attended the Academy of Holy Names grade school and Emma Willard high school. She received a bachelors degree from Dartmouth and a law degree from UCLA.

Congresswoman Gillibrand is married to Jonathan Gillibrand and they have a three year old son Theo. The family resides in Hudson, New York.