



November 17, 2006

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to send greetings to each of you attending the 2006 Smart Growth Summit hosted by Vision Long Island.

The 5th Annual Summit builds on the legislative and policy initiatives established during previous Summits. Through your efforts today, the opportunities for economic development and investments are broadened. In order to stimulate economic growth and entrepreneurship, there must be incentives for businesses, including innovative land use and development and sound transportation policies. The recommendations and proposals created from the workshops and interactive sessions can be implemented to benefit the entire development community.

Long Island entrepreneurs have shown that it is possible to sustain economic growth while acting environmentally responsible. I commend Vision Long Island on its efforts to encourage an active dialogue among county and town officials and business, development and non-profit leaders. Enhancing Smart Growth development reduces the negative economic and environmental impacts of suburban sprawl on Long Island while improving our quality of life and sense of community.

I send my best wishes to all participants for a productive and successful summit and for success in the years to come.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long vertical stroke for the letter 'y'.

Hillary Rodham Clinton
United States Senator