

Washington, DC -- In response to President-elect Barack Obama's nomination of U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) today to serve as Secretary of State, U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) released the following statement:

"Senator Clinton will be an incredible Secretary of State, but I must say I am sorry to loose her as such a steadfast ally fighting for our district in Washington. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve with Senator Clinton and since taking office, she has been a strong and vocal advocate for the needs of Upstate communities. While it is a loss to us as New Yorkers, it is a gain for America and the rest of the world. I look forward to partnering with the next Senator from New York to help serve Upstate."

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