



Clinton: Clean Air, Clean Water Are Basic Rights

Hillary Clinton released the following statement on clean air and water being a priority and a basic right for New York families and communities:

"Clean air and clean water are basic rights—and Americans' rights shouldn't change between ZIP codes. We've made real progress in cleaning up our environment and protecting our kids' health over the last several decades, but we know more work remains in New York and around the country.

"Parts of our country's drinking water systems are more than a century old, and lose nearly 6 billion gallons of water every day to leaks. We need to invest in upgrading our country's water infrastructure to ensure that every community has safe, clean, reliable drinking water. Democrats have stepped up to lead on this issue, including Representative Paul Tonko, whose AQUA Act would increase investment in drinking water infrastructure—which needs to be a priority as we work to build a stronger economy and a healthier future for our kids.

"And we need to do more to restore our nation's waterways to full health, too. Rivers like the Hudson are the backbone of local economies and ecosystems, and for too long, big corporations polluted our waterways with impunity. As a Senator, I fought for comprehensive cleanup of cancer-causing PCBs in the Hudson River, and for restoration of the river's natural resources—a fight that is continuing today. We need strong updates to our nation's toxic substances laws to protect public health, and to ensure that companies responsible for polluting our air, land and water are on the hook for comprehensive cleanup costs—in the Hudson River, and everywhere in America."

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