

Nation needs Clinton

The presidential election of 2016 may be the most important election of my lifetime. It is, therefore, important to speak out in support of the candidate who will bring to the office the experience, temperament and credentials that make her the most qualified presidential candidate in our lifetime.

I do not want to dwell on her opponent whose unfitness for the presidency is apparent every time he opens his mouth. I would rather challenge readers to consider the accomplishments of Hillary Clinton, whose life has been dedicated to public service, first while working for the Children's Defense Fund, then as first lady of Arkansas, first lady of the United States, U.S. senator from New York and finally as Secretary of State. In every one of these positions, she has worked to improve the lives of Americans or to stabilize a world that is in seemingly constant chaos. In her positions, she has improved education opportunities and health care coverage for thousands of children whose vulnerability requires government assistance. When she was senator from New York, she helped New York City in its recovery from 9/11. She has traveled the world, meeting with world leaders who have come to know and respect her.

She is smart, and she's a policy wonk. Her lifelong dedication to understanding governments and public policy has prepared her for the presidency. Anyone who watched just a portion of her 11-hour testimony during the Benghazi hearing must acknowledge that she is articulate and tough. We need her now at the helm of our country.

I urge people to vote for Hillary Clinton.

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