

## ***News Release***

### **Planned Parenthood applauds Governor on appointing Kirsten Gillibrand to U.S. Senate**

**Poughkeepsie, NY (January 23, 2009)** – Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley and Family Planning Advocates of New York State (FPA) applaud Governor David Paterson on his outstanding appointment of Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand to the United States Senate. “We’re confident that all New Yorkers will soon learn what those in upstate New York know: Kirsten Gillibrand is a fighter for women and families,” said M. Tracey Brooks, FPA president and CEO. “She is knowledgeable, tough and effective—just what we need in a partner for Chuck Schumer in the U.S. Senate.”

Kirsten Gillibrand truly understands the health care crisis—how hard it is to get and keep adequate insurance coverage and how important it is to families and businesses. She knows how tough it is for parents who are working and raising children.

“She will be a persistent and effective voice for preventative health care and health care education and access for all New Yorkers,” said Clare Coleman, Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley President & CEO.

“Hillary Rodham Clinton was a true champion for reproductive health and choice. In Kirsten Gillibrand, New York has another outstanding fighter for women and families,” Coleman concluded.

*Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley has served the people of Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties since 1934. Each year, Planned Parenthood provides confidential, high-quality reproductive health services and sexuality education to 50,000 women, men and teens in the mid-Hudson Valley. PPMHV also advocates for public policies at the local, state and national levels that protect access to reproductive health care, promote sexual health, and respect the privacy of all Americans.*

*Family Planning Advocates of New York State is a non-profit, statewide organization dedicated to protecting and expanding access to the full range of reproductive health care services. It represents New York’s Planned Parenthood affiliates and other family planning centers, as well as hundreds of organizations and thousands of individual members.*