



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Ruth Hassell-Thompson

## Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson Elected to Leadership Role WITH Women in Government

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At the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual State Directors' and 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial First Term Legislators' Conference in St. Pete Beach, Florida, Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson was sworn in as a 2015 State Director with Women In Government, following her election to this position by her fellow state legislative colleagues this past year.

"Women In Government congratulates Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson in her position as a State Director. State Directors play a critical role in setting policy priorities for our organization," said Dyan Alexander, Executive Director of Women In Government. Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson is a recognized leader in her state, and we are excited that she will now share her leadership skills with other women policymakers throughout the country."

"It gives me great pleasure to accept the position of State Director for this prestigious organization. New York State has a grand tradition of fighting for women's rights and I look forward to sharing the knowledge I have gained as a State Senator and collaborating with all my other colleagues," said Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson. Together we will continue our work to improve and enhance the opportunities for all women throughout our country."

At the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual State Directors' Conference, women state legislators heard from expert speakers on a variety of public policy topics and their impact on states. Topics included developing energy diversity, the role of nutrition in healthy aging, methods for creating opportunities for families, diabetes prevention and awareness, and many others. This meeting also provided attendees with the opportunity to network with colleagues across state borders and share best practices to advance successful public policies.

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