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## **Impact of Economic Crisis Is Focus Of Annual Breakfast with NY State Legislators, March 13**

*Lawmakers to Hear Business Community's Call for Reform in Property Tax and Health Care & Learn About Innovative Economic Stimulus Plan*

**White Plains, NY (February 27, 2009)** – The impact of the economic crisis on Westchester and the region will be the focus at The Westchester County Association's (WCA) Annual Breakfast with New York State Legislators, Friday, March 13, from 8 AM to 9:30 AM, at Abigail Kirsch Mansion at Tappan Hill, Tarrytown.

The New York State lawmakers who represent Westchester will get an update of the significant accomplishments that the WCA and its members have made in its property tax and health insurance reform initiatives—two areas that have enormous impact on the finances of all businesses in Westchester. It will also review the progress they are making on the Westchester-based innovative economic stimulus plan—*for Westchester by Westchester*—it announced on January 12. The initiative is aimed at reducing energy costs and addressing the availability of credit to businesses.

William M. Mooney, Jr., WCA President, said: "Our state representatives will not only hear the concerns from our members about how the economic crisis is impacting the business community and Westchester in general but they will learn about our efforts to help promote economic recovery. Although we cannot solve the massive economic problem, we can find creative ways to address specific segments of the Westchester economy."

Alfred B. DelBello, WCA Chairman, stated: "The success of the WCA's economic stimulus initiative requires a genuine spirit of cooperation with many diverse groups as well as government officials at all levels to get a plan in action as soon as possible. We are confident that as in past challenges, there will be a genuine spirit of cooperation from the many diverse groups in developing practical solutions to this crisis."

During the question and answer session, the legislators will hear first hand from members about the issues that concern them.

The legislators invited to attend are State Senators Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Suzi Oppenheimer, Vincent Leibell III, Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Jeffery Klein and Assembly Representatives Gary Pretlow, Amy Paulin, Adam Bradley, Richard Brodsky, Sandra Galef, Mike Spano, George Latimer and Greg Ball.

The breakfast is the second in a series of meetings between the WCA and lawmakers. The series began in January with the Annual Breakfast with the County Executive.

On April 27, the WCA's Annual Congressional Luncheon, known as the *Report from Washington*, will feature a panel discussion with U.S. House of Representatives from districts representing the Westchester area.

The cost of the March 13 breakfast is \$55 for WCA members and \$75 for non-members. To reserve, visit [www.westchester.org](http://www.westchester.org) or call (914) 948-6444 for more information.

The event's grand government sponsors are ENT and Allergy Associates, LLP and O'Connor Davies Munns and Dobbins LLP. The event sponsors are Mercy College, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Purchase College and The College of Westchester.

The Westchester County Association ([www.westchester.org](http://www.westchester.org)) is the preeminent business membership organization in Westchester County. The Association is committed to business advocacy, economic vitality and to providing a strong and clear voice for the interests of businesses on the regional, national and international levels. Its key objectives are: promoting positive economic development in the region; fostering business development; and providing its members with access and interaction with key public and private sector individuals, agencies and organizations.