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## Finding Common Ground between **Business** and **Labor**

*This year more than ever before New York State needs Business and Labor working together as we confront the challenges of our turbulent times. BALCONY provides New Yorkers with a framework for collaborative solutions to the challenges of a fair budget, affordable health care, infrastructure investment, education equity, small business growth, and job creation.*

*Since 2007 under the leadership of Co-Chairs Alan Lubin and Bruce Ventimiglia BALCONY has grown to be a coalition representing more than 1000 prominent businesses, trade associations, labor unions, non profits, and chambers of commerce throughout New York.*

### **BALCONY MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

- For the past two years BALCONY has presented forums on *The Impact of the Wall Street Economy on New York* – featuring New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli and New York City Comptrollers Bill Thompson and John Liu.



2008 Wall Street Meltdown Forum



2009 Wall Street and the NY Economy Forum

- BALCONY has staged health care forums in Albany, Rochester, Long Island, Westchester and New York City, resulting in the passage of the Young Invincibles health insurance program providing coverage for 19-29 year olds.



2008 Uninsured Young Adults Forum



Chris Ward & Robert Ledwith

- Working with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, BALCONY, at its June 2009 breakfast, enabled Executive Director Chris Ward to present his 2009 – 2010 capital plan.

- The BALCONY Business Coalition has worked with NYSUT and CSEA to defeat the property tax cap proposals which could harm our state's children. Instead we have offered a more common sense proposal for tax relief: a real property tax circuit breaker.



Alan Lubin

"BALCONY represents a new era in collaboration and cooperation between employers and employees." BALCONY Co-Chair Alan Lubin of NYSUT

"BALCONY is meeting the challenges of New York Business and Labor as we work through an economy that is in dire need of help." BALCONY Co-Chair Bruce Ventimiglia, Chairman of Saratoga Capital Management

"Community Healthcare Network is proud to be a member of BALCONY as we work together to provide accessible and affordable Health Care for all New Yorkers." Catherine Abate, President Community Healthcare Network



Bruce Ventimiglia

**BALCONY IS ENGAGED IN THE PUBLIC POLICY DEBATE IN NY STATE.  
JOIN US AND SEE HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

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