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### **New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce February Business Luncheon Features Margaret Moree, Business Council of New York State**

(New Paltz, NY) The **New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce** held its **February Business Luncheon** on **February 17, 2010** at the Terrace Restaurant, **SUNY New Paltz** campus, New Paltz. Sponsored by Ulster Savings, the luncheon featured Margaret Moree of Business Council of New York State (BCNYS), who discussed state and national issues surrounding the House and Senate proposals for federal health care reform.

Moree's insightful luncheon presentation focused upon what citizens and members of the business community in New York State stand to gain – or lose – as a result of proposed federal health care reform legislation. The presentation also provided information on the differences between the House's "Affordable Health Care for America Act" and the Senate's "Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act." Moree urged attendees on either side of the health care reform debate to make their feelings known to their US Senators and Representatives.

Margaret Moree has served in a variety of capacities in state government prior to joining BCNYS, with ten years of service at the NYS Department of Labor, most recently as Deputy Commissioner for Federal Programs overseeing the divisions of unemployment insurance, workforce

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development and employment services. Her public service includes twelve years with the New York State Senate, as well as a special assistant for local government relations in the office of Deputy Secretary to the Governor.

The February Business Luncheon is sponsored by NPRCoC 2010 Supporting Partner Ulster Savings Bank, with 350 employees at 14 locations throughout the Hudson Valley. Ulster Savings Bank's commitment to meeting the needs of our community never wavers. Since 2001, Ulster Savings has donated over \$3.7 million dollars to non-profit and other deserving organizations throughout the area. That's why it's so important to do business locally, keeping local dollars working within our local community. Small business is the backbone of a healthy and vibrant economy. When it comes to business banking, Ulster Savings Bank provides added value by offering free business checking, flexible commercial lending options, business insurance, tax preparation services, payroll processing, health savings accounts, online merchant services, retirement plan solutions and more. To learn more about Ulster Savings Bank, stop by any Ulster Savings Bank branch or visit [www.ulstersavings.com](http://www.ulstersavings.com).

The New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce, with more than 700 members, is an active and trusted voice in the regional business and residential community, advancing the business, industrial, agricultural and civic interests of the Mid-Hudson Valley Region. Programs and services of the Chamber are made possible, in part, by the support of its Corporate Partners for 2010: **Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corp.** (Leading Partner); **Brinckerhoff and Neuville Insurance Group** (Associate Partner); **Health Quest, KIC Chemicals, Inc., Ulster Savings and Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGiovanni and Weddell LLP, CPAs** (Supporting Partners).

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