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New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce Special Legislative Update Luncheon Features Congressman Maurice Hinchey

(*New Paltz, NY*) The **New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce** held a special **legislative update luncheon** featuring **Congressman Maurice Hinchey** on **September 27, 2010** at **Mohonk Mountain House**, New Paltz. Congressman Hinchey's enlightening speech touched upon issues ranging from the positive impact of the Health Care Reform Act to steps being taken at the federal level to counter unfair business practices in China. He also touched upon federal money secured to support the blossoming green tech industry in Ulster County, including The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) and expanded SUNY programs.

Representing New York's 22nd Congressional District and now serving in his ninth term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Maurice Hinchey is a member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee, which allocates funds in the federal budget. Hinchey is also a member of the House Natural Resources Committee. Additionally, the congressman is one of only 20 members on the bicameral Joint Economic Committee. The congressman also serves on the Board of Visitors for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Prior to coming to Congress in January 1993, Hinchey served 18 years in the New York State Assembly, including 14 years as Chairman of the Committee on Environmental Conservation.

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