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Back from the Brink: The Recovery Act One Year Later - Conference Agenda

- 8:00 – 9:00 AM** **Registration: Second Floor Lobby**
- 9:00 – 9:15** **Welcome:** Stephen Herzenberg, *Keystone Research Center*
- 9:15 – 9:50** **Plenary Session: The Impact of the Recovery Act on Jobs and the Economy – Ballroom ABC**
Ethan Pollack, *Economic Policy Institute*; Mark Price, *Keystone Research Center*
- 9:50 – 10:30** **Plenary Session: Putting Federal Dollars to Work—An Overview of the Recovery Act in PA**
James Creedon, *Chief Implementation Officer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*
- 10:30 – 11:15** **Recovery Act Keynote Speaker: U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.**
Introduction of Senator Casey: William M. George, *President, Pennsylvania AFL-CIO*
- 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM** **Breakout Groups: Progress to Date and Opportunities for Improvement**
- Smart Growth, Transportation, and Infrastructure (Room PA DE)
Moderator: Judy Schwank, *10,000 Friends of Pennsylvania*
Panelists: Paul Marchetti, *Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority*; James Ritzman, *Pennsylvania Department of Transportation*; Liz Garland, *American Rivers*; Kelly Lewis, *Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania*
- Transparency and Accountability (Room PA ABC)
Moderator: Tony Ross, *United Way of Pennsylvania*
Panelists: Eileen McNulty, *Pennsylvania Stimulus Oversight Commission*; Greg LeRoy, *Good Jobs First*; Barry Kauffman, *Common Cause/Pennsylvania*
- Local Governments and Housing (Ballroom D)
Moderator: Elizabeth Hersh, *The Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania*
Panelists: George Klaus, *USDA Rural Development*; Lauren Giguere, *City of Allentown*
- 12:30 – 1:30** **Lunch: Ballroom ABC**
- Panel: Is the Recovery Act Keeping People Out of Poverty?**
Speakers: Michael Leachman, *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*; Kenneth Stephens, *Legal Aid Society of New York*
- 1:30 – 2:45** **Breakout Groups: Progress to Date and Opportunities for Improvement**
- Energy and Environment (Room PA ABC)
Moderator: Ed Boito, *Citizens For Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture)*
Panelists: John Hanger, *Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection*; E. Craig Heim, *Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development*; Russell McIntosh, *Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.*
- Education and Workforce (Ballroom D)
Moderator: Seth Green, *Job Opportunity Investment Network*
Panelists: Teresa Colarusso, *Pennsylvania Department of Education*; Scott Sheely, *Lancaster Workforce Investment Board*; Carol Austin, *Philadelphia Youth Network*
- Community Impact and Regional Equity (Room PA DE)
Moderator: Sharon Ward, *Pennsylvania Budget and Policy Center*
Panelists: Peter Speaks, *PA Department of General Services*; Della Clark, *The Enterprise Center*; Bernadette Turner, *Regional Equity Monitoring Project*; Greg LeRoy, *Good Jobs First*
- 2:45 – 3:00** **Break**
- 3:00 – 4:00** **Wrap-Up and Final Roundtable: Next Steps for U.S. and Pennsylvania Jobs - Ballroom ABC**
Panelists: William M. George, *President, Pennsylvania AFL-CIO*; John Hanger, *Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection*; Sharon Ward, *PA Budget and Policy Center*