



*An interactive
conference for tax
reform movers and shakers*



Agenda:

1:00 Arrival and Networking

1:15 Welcome and History of Omnibus

Susan Zimet, Omnibus Consortium and Ulster County Legislator

1:25 Lay of the Land: The Politics of Our Upside Down Tax System

Ron Deutsch, New Yorkers for Fiscal Fairness and Omnibus Consortium

1:45 Panel Discussion 1 (Presentations followed by Q&A)

Why the Tax Cap Won't Help Struggling Property Tax Payers and How We Can Reform Our Tax System to Take the Pressure Off of the Property Tax

Betsey Swan, League of Women Voters of NYS

Rick Longhurst, NYS Parent Teacher Association

Tom Frey, NYS Assessors Association

Martha Robertson, Chair, Tompkins County Legislature

Frank Mauro, Fiscal Policy Institute (Moderator and Panelist)

3:00 Break

3:10

Panel Discussion 2 (Brief Presentations followed by Interactive Audience Discussion)

Fighting for Real Relief: Interactive Discussion with Property Tax Reformers

John Whiteley, NYS Property Tax Reform Coalition

Gioia Shebar, Taxnightmare.org

Robert McKeon, Tax Reform Effort of Northern Dutchess (TREND)

Susan Zimet, Ulster County Legislator

Victor Bach, Community Service Society

Carole Kraus, NYS Property Tax Reform Coalition

Bill Trumpbour, Greene County Farm Bureau

4:20

Wrap Up and Next Steps

Conference is sponsored by the Omnibus Consortium (OC): www.omnibustaxsolution.org