



**Media Advisory**

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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 AT 9:00 A.M. AT CITY HALL:  
Community Groups, Elected Officials Unite for Financial Reform  
and Economic Recovery During National Week of Action**

Baltimore, MD – The Maryland CASH Campaign and Progressive Maryland, in partnership with membership organizations and local community groups, are uniting for a national week of action in response to the financial crisis and deepening recession in America. By holding more than 30 events in cities across the US throughout December, these groups are coming together to call for a new direction regarding the financial crisis and economic recovery. For more information about the national effort, visit [www.RoadToEconomicRecovery.org](http://www.RoadToEconomicRecovery.org).

“A failure to provide adequate consumer regulatory protections is the overwhelming cause of the crisis, and the result has been a foreclosure crisis that has destroyed wealth in our community,” said Robin McKinney of the Maryland CASH Campaign.

Resolving the recession now requires interventions that include containing the current foreclosure crisis and enhancing consumer protections, promoting infrastructure projects that create jobs and vibrant communities and providing targeted supplemental assistance that reaches those hardest hit by the mortgage market collapse.

“Restoring integrity to the financial system while pursuing immediate efforts to stabilize the finances of average working families is critical,” said Matthew Weinstein of Progressive Maryland. “We must ensure that economic recovery efforts benefit all Americans, in *every* community.”

**WHAT: BALTIMORE ROAD TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY EVENT**

**WHO: COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**WHERE: BALTIMORE CITY HALL, CURRAN ROOM (100 N. HOLLIDAY ST., 21202)**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2008, 9:00 A.M.**

Elected officials, community leaders and the general public are invited to attend and share how the financial crisis has affected their families and communities.

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