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**Statement regarding the WTC Summit by Elizabeth Berger, President of
the Alliance for Downtown New York:**

Nothing is more important to Lower Manhattan's future as an international business center than rebuilding the World Trade Center site. Progress is essential. We applaud Speaker Silver and Mayor Bloomberg for bringing the parties together to begin to resolve their differences, and hope that today's summit is the first of many productive conversations.

The Downtown Alliance manages the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Business Improvement District (BID). The Alliance serves an area roughly from City Hall to the Battery, from the East River to West Street, for which it provides supplemental sanitation and security, economic development, streetscape and transportation improvements, marketing and enhanced tourist services. Alliance for Downtown New York, Inc., 120 Broadway, Suite 3340, New York, NY 10271; Phone: 212-566-6700.

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