

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2011

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Header section A-M containing organization details: Name (A Better Balance), EIN (20-3664771), address (30 Maiden Lane, New York NY 10038-4954), and tax-exempt status (501(c)(3)).

Part I Summary

Table with 3 main sections: 1. Mission (See attachment #2), 2. Governance & Activities (Voting members: 7, Independent members: 6, Employees: 9, Volunteers: 5), 3. Revenue & Expenses (Total revenue: 375,904; Total expenses: 497,516; Net assets: 237,974).

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Signature of officer: Dina Bakst, Co-President. Date field.

Paid Preparer Use Only section: Paul E Forsythe, CPA, Firm: PAUL E FORSYTHE III CPA, EIN: 20-0756345.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) [X] Yes [ ] No

**Part III** Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:  
See attachment #3

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 106,613 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 114,486 )  
See attachment #4

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 70,610 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 34,484 )

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)  
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 177,223

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1-20b detailing various organizational requirements and their completion status (e.g., '1 X', '2 X', '3', '4 X', '5 N/A', '6 X', '7 X', '8 X', '9 X', '10 X', '11a X', '11b X', '11c X', '11d X', '11e X', '11f X', '12a X', '12b X', '13 X', '14a X', '14b X', '15 X', '16 X', '17 X', '18 X', '19 X', '20a X', '20b N/A').

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
<b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
<b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? N/A		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? N/A		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? N/A		
<b>25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
<b>b</b> Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
<b>26</b> Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
<b>28</b> Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		X
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
<b>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19?	X	

**Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Yes No

Table with 3 main columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1a-14b regarding IRS filings, backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, and charitable contributions.

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions about voting members, family relationships, management delegation, and governance decisions.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions about local chapters, conflict of interest policies, whistleblower policies, and joint ventures.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection.
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization.

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position <small>(do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)</small>							(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		INDIVIDUAL	DIRECTOR	INSTITUTIONAL	OFFICER	KEY EMPLOYEE	HIGHEST COMPENSATED	FORMER			
Dina Bakst Chair/Co-President		X			X			58,000	0	0	
Sherry Leiwant Co-President					X			82,500	0	0	
Nancy Rankin Yolanda Wu Former Co-President							X	0	0	0	
Risa Kaufman Treasurer		X						0	0	0	
Roslyn Powell Secretary		X						0	0	0	
Martha Baker		X						0	0	0	
Gary Phelan		X						0	0	0	
Ariel Devine		X						0	0	0	
Eric Berger		X						0	0	0	

**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**(continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position <small>(do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)</small>							(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		INDIVIDUAL	DIRECTOR	TRUSTEE	OFFICER	KEY EMPLOYEE	HIGHEST COMPENSATED EMPLOYEE	FORMER			
<p><b>1b Sub-total</b> ..... ▶ 164500      0      0</p> <p><b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> ..... ▶</p> <p><b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> ..... ▶ 164500      0      0</p>											

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual .....		X
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual .....		X
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person .....		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶



<b>Part VIII</b>		<b>Statement of Revenue</b>		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS SIMILAR AMOUNTS	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, & similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	362,161				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f:		\$ 1,000				
<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f				362,161			
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE			<b>Business Code</b>				
	<b>2a</b>						
	<b>b</b>						
	<b>c</b>						
	<b>d</b>						
	<b>e</b>						
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue						
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f							
OTHER REVENUE	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)						
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b> Royalties						
	<b>6a</b> Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses					
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)						
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)						
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>a</b>	35,082				
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	21,339				
		<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		13,743			
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses							
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold						
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Business Code</b>					
<b>11a</b>							
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b> All other revenue							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d							
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions				375,904	13,743		

**Part IX** Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21 . . .				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
4 Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	164,500	80,725	20,525	63,250
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
7 Other salaries and wages . . . . .	208,049	185,358	4,862	17,829
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .				
9 Other employee benefits . . . . .	19,211	18,833	378	
10 Payroll taxes . . . . .	30,852	22,525	1,503	6,824
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management . . . . .				
b Legal . . . . .				
c Accounting . . . . .	16,773	8,996	5,434	2,343
d Lobbying . . . . .				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 . . .				
f Investment management fees . . . . .				
g Other . . . . .				
12 Advertising and promotion . . . . .				
13 Office expenses . . . . .	8,130	2,838	3,618	1,674
14 Information technology . . . . .	2,525	1,604	911	10
15 Royalties . . . . .				
16 Occupancy . . . . .	35,096	24,606	2,098	8,392
17 Travel . . . . .				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	6,377	5,884	259	234
20 Interest . . . . .				
21 Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .				
23 Insurance . . . . .				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>Miscellaneous</u> . . . . .	5,741	1,659	3,035	1,047
b <u>Special event</u> . . . . .	249	249		
c <u>Publicity</u> . . . . .	13	13		
d . . . . .				
e All other expenses . . . . .				
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	497,516	353,290	42,623	101,603
<b>26 Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X** Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
<b>A S S E T S</b>	<b>1</b> Cash -- non-interest-bearing .....	191,740	<b>1</b>	174,065
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....		<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....	175,000	<b>3</b>	74,470
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....		<b>4</b>	
	<b>5</b> Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501 (c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	7,440	<b>9</b>	8,217
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D. ....	<b>10a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b>		<b>10c</b>
	<b>11</b> Investments -- publicly traded securities .....		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments -- other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments -- program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>15</b>	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	374,180	<b>16</b>	256,752	
<b>L I A B I L I T I E S</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	15,594	<b>17</b>	18,778
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D. ....		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D .....		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	15,594	<b>26</b>	18,778
<b>F U N D A S S E T S O R S</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....	85,695	<b>27</b>	118,336
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....	272,891	<b>28</b>	119,638
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds. ....		<b>32</b>	
	<b>33 Total net assets or fund balances</b> .....	358,586	<b>33</b>	237,974
	<b>34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> .....	374,180	<b>34</b>	256,752

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	375,904
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	497,516
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-121,612
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	358,586
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	237,974

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
2c	If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits . . . . . N/A		

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2011**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization: **A Better Balance** Employer identification number: **20-3664771**

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions--subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
  - a  Type I
  - b  Type II
  - c  Type III--Functionally integrated
  - d  Type III--Other
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
  - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
  - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
  - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

	Yes	No
<b>11g(i)</b>		X
<b>11g(ii)</b>		X
<b>11g(iii)</b>		X

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
<b>Total</b>									

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.  
If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .	125,066	244,870	404,914	715,822		1,490,672
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose . . . . .						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 . . . . .						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . . .	125,066	244,870	404,914	715,822		1,490,672
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . . .						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year . . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . . .						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						1,490,672

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . . .	125,066	244,870	404,914	715,822		1,490,672
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975. . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . . .						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) . . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	125,066	244,870	404,914	715,822		1,490,672

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** . . . . .

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2011 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)). . . . .	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3 % support tests -- 2011.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .

**b 33 1/3 % support tests -- 2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions. . . . .

**Schedule of Contributors**

**2011**

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

Name of the organization

A Better Balance

Employer identification number

20-3664771

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule**

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

**Special Rules**

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution.** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on Part I, line 2, of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2011)

<b>Name of organization</b> A Better Balance	<b>Employer identification number</b> 20-3664771
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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 100,000	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 20,000	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 20,000	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 20,000	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
5	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 20,000	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
6	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 25,000	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)



**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

**2011**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
▶ **See separate instructions.**

**Open to Public Inspection**

**If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

**If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then**

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

**If the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then**

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization A Better Balance	Employer identification number 20-3664771
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**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Volunteer hours ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955. .... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....  Yes  No
- 4a Was a correction made? .....  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

**Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).**

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? .....  Yes  No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

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**Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

- A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) . . . . .	15,827													
<b>b</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) . . . . .	7,576													
<b>c</b>	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) . . . . .	23,403													
<b>d</b>	Other exempt purpose expenditures . . . . .	497,516													
<b>e</b>	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) . . . . .	520,919													
<b>f</b>	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	103,138													
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
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Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
<b>g</b>	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) . . . . .	25,785													
<b>h</b>	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .														
<b>i</b>	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .														
<b>j</b>	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No												

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**  
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures		11,947	23,403		35,350
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures		1,754	7,576		9,330

**Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**

For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers?		X	
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?	X		
<b>c</b> Media advertisements?		X	
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		X	
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		X	
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		X	
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?		X	
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		X	
<b>i</b> Other activities?		X	
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i.			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		X	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?		X	

**Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

**Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."**

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
<b>a</b> Current year	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	<b>5</b>	

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A; and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

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**SCHEDULE D**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2011**

**Open to Public Inspection**

**Name of the organization** A Better Balance **Employer identification number** 20-3664771

**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
- |                                                                                              |                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space                                          |                                                                              |
- 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.
- |                                                                                                                                             | Held at the End of the Tax Year |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| a Total number of conservation easements                                                                                                    | 2a                              |
| b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements                                                                                        | 2b                              |
| c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)                                                        | 2c                              |
| d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register. | 2d                              |
- 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?  Yes  No
- 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?  Yes  No
- 9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.
- b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:
- (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:
- a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

**3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a**  Public exhibition
- b**  Scholarly research
- c**  Preservation for future generations
- d**  Loan or exchange programs
- e**  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.

**5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

**1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

	Amount
<b>1c</b> Beginning balance	
<b>1d</b> Additions during the year	
<b>1e</b> Distributions during the year	
<b>1f</b> Ending balance	

**2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance					
<b>b</b> Contributions					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses					
<b>g</b> End of year balance					

**2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
- b** Permanent endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
- c** Temporarily restricted endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

**3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i)** unrelated organizations
- (ii)** related organizations

	Yes	No
<b>3a(i)</b>		
<b>3a(ii)</b>		
<b>3b</b>		

**b** If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

**4** Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land				
<b>b</b> Buildings				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements				
<b>d</b> Equipment				
<b>e</b> Other				

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)

<b>Part VII Investments -- Other Securities.</b> See Form 990, Part X, line 12.		
(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives . . . . .		
(2) Closely-held equity interests . . . . .		
(3) Other _____		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

<b>Part VIII Investments -- Program Related.</b> See Form 990, Part X, line 13.		
(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

<b>Part IX Other Assets.</b> See Form 990, Part X, line 15.	
(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

<b>Part X Other Liabilities.</b> See Form 990, Part X, line 25.	
1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740).

<b>Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements</b>		
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	375,904
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	497,516
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	-121,612
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	
6	Investment expenses	
7	Prior period adjustments	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	-121,612

<b>Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return</b>		
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:	
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:	
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5

<b>Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return</b>		
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:	
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a
b	Prior year adjustments	2b
c	Other losses	2c
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:	
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5

**Part XIV Supplemental Information**  
 Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.





**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2011**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

A Better Balance

Employer identification number

20-3664771

Form 990 reviewed and accepted at a recent board meeting.

All board members, officers and directors are required to sign the conflict statement prior to joining the board and to immediately advise the board if a conflict occurs during their term.

Officers and key employees salaries are approved by the board.

All governing body documents are made available to the public upon request.

# Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative

OMB No. 1545-0150  
**For IRS Use Only**  
 Received by:  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Function \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date        /        /

▶ **Type or print.** ▶ **See the separate instructions.**

**Part I Power of Attorney**  
**Caution:** A separate Form 2848 should be completed for each taxpayer. Form 2848 will not be honored for any purpose other than representation before the IRS.

**1 Taxpayer information.** Taxpayer must sign and date this form on page 2, line 7.

Taxpayer name and address  A Better Balance 80 Maiden Lane New York NY 10038-4954	Taxpayer identifying number(s)  20-3664771 Daytime telephone number 212-430-5982 Plan number (if applicable)
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hereby appoints the following representative(s) as attorney(s)-in-fact:

**2 Representative(s)** must sign and date this form on page 2, Part II.

Name and address Paul E Forsythe 399 SUNSET AVE HAWORTH NJ 07641-1723 Check if to be sent notices and communications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CAF No. 2005-76592R PTIN P00005731 Telephone No. 201-387-8230 Fax No. (877) 304-7346 Check if new: Address <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone No. <input type="checkbox"/> Fax No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Name and address  Check if to be sent notices and communications <input type="checkbox"/>	CAF No. _____ PTIN _____ Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____ Check if new: Address <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone No. <input type="checkbox"/> Fax No. <input type="checkbox"/>
Name and address  Check if to be sent notices and communications <input type="checkbox"/>	CAF No. _____ PTIN _____ Telephone No. _____ Fax No. _____ Check if new: Address <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone No. <input type="checkbox"/> Fax No. <input type="checkbox"/>

to represent the taxpayer before the Internal Revenue Service for the following matters:

**3 Matters**

Description of Matter (Income, Employment, Payroll, Excise, Estate, Gift, Whistleblower, Practitioner Discipline, PLR, FOIA, Civil Penalty, etc.) <small>(see instructions for line 3)</small>	Tax Form Number <small>(1040, 941, 720, etc.) (if applicable)</small>	Year(s) or Period(s) (if applicable) <small>(see instructions for line 3)</small>
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**4 Specific use not recorded on Centralized Authorization File (CAF).** If the power of attorney is for a specific use not recorded on CAF, check this box. See the instructions for Line 4. **Specific Uses Not Recorded on CAF**

**5 Acts authorized.** Unless otherwise provided below, the representatives generally are authorized to receive and inspect confidential tax information and to perform any and all acts that I can perform with respect to the tax matters described on line 3, for example, the authority to sign any agreements, consents, or other documents. The representative(s), however, is (are) not authorized to receive or negotiate any amounts paid to the client in connection with this representation (including refunds by either electronic means or paper checks). Additionally, unless the appropriate box(es) below are checked, the representative(s) is (are) not authorized to execute a request for disclosure of tax returns or return information to a third party, substitute another representative or add additional representatives, or sign certain tax returns.

Disclosure to third parties;    
  Substitute or add representatives;    
  Signing a return; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other acts authorized: \_\_\_\_\_ (see instructions for more information)

**Exceptions.** An unenrolled return preparer cannot sign any document for a taxpayer and may only represent taxpayers in limited situations. An enrolled actuary may only represent taxpayers to the extent provided in section 10.3(d) of Treasury Department Circular No. 230 (Circular 230). An enrolled retirement plan agent may only represent taxpayers to the extent provided in section 10.3(e) of Circular 230. A registered tax return preparer may only represent taxpayers to the extent provided in section 10.3(f) of Circular 230. See the line 5 instructions for restrictions on tax matters partners. In most cases, the student practitioner's (level k) authority is limited (for example, they may only practice under the supervision of another practitioner).

List any specific deletions to the acts otherwise authorized in this power of attorney: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**6 Retention/revocation of prior power(s) of attorney.** The filing of this power of attorney automatically revokes all earlier power(s) of attorney on file with the Internal Revenue Service for the same matters and years or periods covered by this document. If you **do not** want to revoke a prior power of attorney, check here  **YOU MUST ATTACH A COPY OF ANY POWER OF ATTORNEY YOU WANT TO REMAIN IN EFFECT.**

**7 Signature of taxpayer.** If a tax matter concerns a year in which a joint return was filed, the husband and wife must each file a separate power of attorney even if the same representative(s) is (are) being appointed. If signed by a corporate officer, partner, guardian, tax matters partner, executor, receiver, administrator, or trustee on behalf of the taxpayer, I certify that I have the authority to execute this form on behalf of the taxpayer.  
**▶ IF NOT SIGNED AND DATED, THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL BE RETURNED TO THE TAXPAYER.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Date Co-President  
Title (if applicable)

Sherry Leiwant 00001 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name PIN Number Print name of taxpayer from line 1 if other than individual

**Part II Declaration of Representative**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that:

- I am not currently under suspension or disbarment from practice before the Internal Revenue Service;
- I am aware of regulations contained in Circular 230 (31 CFR, Part 10), as amended, concerning practice before the Internal Revenue Service;
- I am authorized to represent the taxpayer identified in Part I for the matter(s) specified there; and
- I am one of the following:
  - a Attorney -- a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the jurisdiction shown below.
  - b Certified Public Accountant -- duly qualified to practice as a certified public accountant in the jurisdiction shown below.
  - c Enrolled Agent -- enrolled as an agent under the requirements of Circular 230.
  - d Officer -- a bona fide officer of the taxpayer's organization.
  - e Full-Time Employee -- a full-time employee of the taxpayer.
  - f Family Member -- a member of the taxpayer's immediate family (for example, spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, step-parent, step-child, brother, or sister).
  - g Enrolled Actuary -- enrolled as an actuary by the Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries under 29 U.S.C. 1242 (the authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited by section 10.3(d) of Circular 230).
  - h Unenrolled Return Preparer -- Your authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited. You must have been eligible to sign the return under examination and have signed the return. **See Notice 2011-6 and Special rules for registered tax return preparers and unenrolled return preparers in the instructions.**
  - i Registered Tax Return Preparer--registered as a tax return preparer under the requirements of section 10.4 of Circular 230. Your authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited. You must have been eligible to sign the return under examination and have signed the return. **See Notice 2011-6 and Special rules for registered tax return preparers and unenrolled return preparers in the instructions.**
  - k Student Attorney or CPA -- receives permission to practice before the IRS by virtue of his/her status as a law, business, or accounting student working in LITC or STCP under section 10.7(d) of Circular 230. See instructions for Part II for additional information and requirements.
  - r Enrolled Retirement Plan Agent -- enrolled as a retirement plan agent under the requirements of Circular 230 (the authority to practice before the Internal Revenue Service is limited by section 10.3(e)).

**▶ IF THIS DECLARATION OF REPRESENTATIVE IS NOT SIGNED AND DATED, THE POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL BE RETURNED. REPRESENTATIVES MUST SIGN IN THE ORDER LISTED IN LINE 2 ABOVE.** See the instructions for Part II.

**Note:** For designations d-f, enter your title, position, or relationship to the taxpayer in the "Licensing jurisdiction" column. See the instructions for Part II for more information.

Designation -- Insert above letter (a-r)	Licensing jurisdiction (state) or other licensing authority (if applicable)	Bar, license, certification, registration, or enrollment number (if applicable). See instructions for Part II for more information.	Signature	Date
b	NJ			

**990 PRINCIPAL OFFICER NAME AND ADDRESS**

Attachment 1: Form 990 Page 1, Line F

Open to Public Inspection	For calendar year 2011, or tax period beginning	07-01-2011, and ending	06-30-2012.
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Name of Organization A Better Balance	Employer Identification Number 20-3664771
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**990, Page 1, Line F**

Principal officer name ..... Dina Bakst  
or  
Business Name:

Street Address ..... 80 Maiden Lane  
Suite 606

U.S. Address:

Zip code 10038 City New York State NY  
or

Foreign Address

City .....

Province or State .....

Country .....

Postal code .....

## 990 PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

Attachment 2: Form 990 Page 1, Part I

<b>Open to Public Inspection</b>	For calendar year 2011 or tax period beginning <b>07-01</b> , and ending <b>06-30-2012.</b>
<b>Name of Organization</b> A Better Balance	<b>Employer Identification Number</b> 20-3664771

Primary Purpose
A Better Balance: The Work And Family Legal Center (ABB) is a legal team dedicated to helping workers balance the demands of employment and home by providing legal support and advocating for policies that ensure that families are treated fairly and not punished in the workplace. Low-income workers are particularly hampered in their efforts to provide care to children and other family members while earning enough to get by. ABB employs a range of legal strategies to (1) improve access to well-designed paid sick and paid family leave policies at the local, state and federal levels; (2) protect pregnant and caregiving workers, particularly those who are most marginalized, from discrimination; and (3) promote increased workplace flexibility and ensure that laws protect rather than undermine workers with non-standard schedules. Although ABB's work benefits all income levels, it is low-income families that benefit most.

## 990 PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

Attachment 3: Form 990 Page 2, Part III

<b>Open to Public Inspection</b>	For calendar year 2011 or tax period beginning	07-01-2011, and ending	06-30-2012.
<b>Name of Organization</b> A Better Balance			<b>Employer Identification Number</b> 20-3664771

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## 990 PART III - STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Attachment 4: Form 990 Page 2, Part III

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Name of Organization A Better Balance	Employer Identification Number 20-3664771

**Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Code:	Expenses: 106,613	including Grants of:	Revenue: 114,486
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**Exempt Purpose Achievements**

Paid Sick Days: A Better Balance has provided extensive legal advice and support for efforts to secure paid sick days guarantees throughout the country, including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Vermont. We played a significant role in successful campaigns in Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Seattle, and Washington, D.C. In New York City, in coalition with women's right's, public health, labor, LGBT, and anti-poverty organizations, ABB has mounted an intensive paid sick days campaign that has resulted in a veto-proof majority in City Council in support of a paid sick days bill. In 2013 we await a vote on the bill.

## 990 PART III - STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENT

Attachment 4: Form 990 Page 2, Part III

<b>Open to Public Inspection</b>	For calendar year 2011, or tax period beginning	07-01-2011, and ending	06-30-2012.
<b>Name of Organization</b> A Better Balance			<b>Employer Identification Number</b> 20-3664771

<b>Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments</b>			
Code:	Expenses:	including Grants of:	Revenue:
	70,610		34,484
<b>Exempt Purpose Achievements</b>			
<p>Promoting Family Economic Security: A Better Balance is working to promote family economic security through (1) well-designed family leave policies; (2) protections for pregnant and caregiving workers, particularly low-income, marginalized populations; and (3) increased workplace flexibility. Our accomplishments in each of these areas are described below. (1) Paid family and medical leave barely exists in the United States. The only Federal protection, the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), applies only to businesses with over 50 employees, limits access for part-time workers, and guarantees only unpaid leave, which severely restricts its use, especially among low-income workers. A Better Balance is one of three organizations leading the effort to make family leave a reality in New York State and helping educate the public and key constituencies about this issue. We have formed a strong coalition that includes other women's rights, health, LGBT, and labor groups and have created fact sheets and a collection of stories by workers who lost income or jobs because of a lack of leave. ABB is also working with advocates in Colorado, Wisconsin, and Oregon, exploring the feasibility of a state law guaranteeing paid family leave in a state that does not have a pre-existing temporary insurance program. (2) Low-wage working women, especially single mothers and those transitioning off welfare, are particularly at risk of losing income or even their jobs in their efforts to fulfill family responsibilities. ABB has been actively involved in a range of work at the local, state and federal levels to change policies that address the limitations of current laws protecting pregnant and caregiving workers. A New York Times op-ed by ABB in January 2012 inspired Congressional action, leading to the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. On the state level, ABB is Working closely with the Governor's office to promote the Women's Equality Act, a bold agenda to protect pregnant women and mothers from discrimination in the workplace and achieve pay equity for the women of New York State. (3) Today, women make up half of all workers on U.S. payrolls, and two-thirds of mothers are the primary or co-breadwinners, many of whom need some control over their work schedules in order to stay in the workforce. However, overwhelming majority of workers fear marginalization or, even worse, retaliation for requesting changes in their work schedule. Scheduling problems are particularly prevalent in the retail industry, where workers are often uncertain of their schedule until the last minute and are even sent home without pay if managers determine they are not needed. ABB is working in coalition with the Retail Action Network and others to address the issue of uncertain scheduling for retail workers by developing and proposing policies that protect rather than undermine these workers.</p>			