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IRS WARNS OF SCAM AIMED AT OUR VETERANS

HUNTINGTON, NY –Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern, Chairman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, warns Suffolk County veterans of an identity theft scheme targeting current and former veterans. According to the IRS the identity thieves use a .MIL web address and pose as the IRS looking for personal identification information. The IRS states that it never asks for personal or financial information unsolicited.

Some tips to help avoid email scams and identity theft are:

- Don't carry your Social Security card or any document(s) with your SSN on it.*
- Don't give a business your SSN just because they ask. Give it only when required.*
- Protect your financial information.*
- Check your credit report every 12 months.*
- Secure personal information in your home.*
- Protect your personal computers by using firewalls, anti-spam/virus software, update security patches, and change passwords for Internet accounts.*
- Don't give personal information over the phone, through the mail or on the Internet unless you have initiated the contact or you are sure you know who you are dealing with.*