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**LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN URGES RESIDENTS TO PROTECT  
THEMSELVES FROM IDENTITY THEFT**

*Half Hollow Hills Community Library to Host Document Shredding Day  
Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-1:30 pm at Dix Hills Branch*

**HUNTINGTON, NY** – Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington, 16<sup>th</sup> L.D), Chairman of the Veterans and Seniors Committee, is urging our community to bring their sensitive documents to the Half Hollow Hills Community Library Document Shredding Day this Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1:30 pm. Identity theft is a serious concern and many identity thieves steal documents such as bank statements, tax returns and insurance documents from household trash to create bank accounts, use credit cards and steal from unsuspecting victims. Identity theft can destroy your finances, credit record and can be very difficult to resolve. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), identity theft has been the top consumer complaint for the past five years with nearly 2 million complaints reported in 2012. One way to protect yourself is to shred sensitive documents.

Bring your old papers to the library parking lot, 55 Vanderbilt Parkway, Dix Hills and watch as your sensitive documents are shredded in the mobile shredding unit. Remember, your tax documents should be retained for at least seven years. Staples, rubber bands, folders and paper clips do not need to be removed, however, plastic document covers, hanging file folders and electronic media cannot be accepted. Shredded material will be recycled. Registration is not required. “I urge our community to take advantage of this service offered by the Half Hollow Hills Community Library,” Legislator Stern said. “Identity theft is a growing problem and proper disposal of sensitive documents may prevent serious financial loss and aggravation.” For more information about how to protect yourself from identity theft, please visit <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft> or call the FTC Identity Theft Hotline at 1-877-ID-THEFT.