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### LEGISLATOR STEVE STERN APPLAUDS SUCCESS OF COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT

*Toughest Comprehensive Monitoring and Verification Program in the Nation nets 8 arrests in first month*

**HUNTINGTON, NY** –Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern (D-Huntington) 16<sup>th</sup> LD, is pleased to join with County Executive Steve Bellone, Laura Ahearn, Executive Director of Parents for Megan’s Law (PFML), Suffolk County Chief of Detectives William Madigan and Director of Probation, Patrice Dlhopsky to applaud the success of the “Community Protection Act (CPA),” legislation passed unanimously by the Suffolk County Legislature earlier this year to create the nation’s most comprehensive monitoring and verification program for sex offenders.

CPA continues Suffolk County’s strong history of passing the most aggressive measures in the nation to protect our children from sexual predators. It creates a partnership with PFML to verify that registered sex offenders are in compliance with requirements of state and county law and provides for heightened monitoring of the more than 1,000 registered sex offenders in Suffolk County. “The CPA provides our law enforcement, probation officers and PFML with the resources that they need to track and monitor sex offenders to ensure compliance with sex offender laws,” Legislator Stern said. “This critical initiative has demonstrated its effectiveness in just a few short weeks and I am certain that it will continue to provide protection to our most vulnerable residents.”