



Michael Montesano: Leading the Fight to Curb Prescription Drug Abuse

REDUCING THE SUPPLY TO SAVE LIVES:

To reduce the amount of prescription drugs on the street, Assemblyman Montesano helped pass legislation to prevent “doctor shopping” by giving pharmacists access to the state’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Doctor shopping occurs when an individual visits multiple practitioners in an attempt to receive a prescription for controlled substances for either personal use or street sale.

EXPANDING CARE:

In 2011, Assemblyman Montesano helped pass the Good Samaritan Act, which allows individuals to seek out medical care for someone who is experiencing a drug or alcohol overdose without fear of arrest. This legislation will help ensure that those who are abusing drugs can get the treatment they need.

A PRESCRIPTION FOR SAFETY:

Theft of prescription drugs through the mail has contributed to the influx of dangerous drugs finding their way onto our streets. Assemblyman Montesano passed legislation to prohibit health insurers from mandating the use of mail-order pharmacies.



**Assemblyman
Michael
Montesano
is asking for
your help to**

SHED the MEDS

Thursday, July 12

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Westbury Public Library

445 Jefferson Street, Westbury, NY 11590

**This event will be supervised by the
Nassau County Police Department**

Drop off any expired or unwanted medication and it will be collected and safely disposed of by officers from the Nassau County Police Department.

Disposing of medication improperly, such as flushing it down a toilet or pouring it down the drain, can lead to pollution in the water we drink. Safe disposal helps protect our health and keeps prescription drugs away from young children or others who would use them improperly.

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