

Dear Neighbor,

Signing up for the Do Not Call Registry will prohibit calls by telemarketers with no existing contract. I encourage you to sign up today if you haven't already done so.

Here are some tips to protect yourself from scammers:

- ▶ identify the caller and their company; ask for their address and phone number;
- ▶ only give out personal information if you initiate the call to a reputable company; and
- ▶ if you're interested in an offer, hang up and call the company back to verify their legitimacy or do some research on the Internet or by asking friends and relatives.

You can sign up for the Do Not Call registry at www.donotcall.gov or by calling 888-382-1222.

For more information on scam prevention, please contact the New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection at 518-474-8583 or visit its website at www.dos.ny.gov.

Assemblymember Simotas

**Sick of annoying telemarketers?
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**ASSEMBLYMEMBER
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IS FIGHTING TO PROTECT



YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE

Saving you money

- ▶ Secured \$1.3 million in the 2013-14 budget for elder abuse education and prevention programs, senior nutrition programs and adult day care and transportation services
- ▶ Cut your utility taxes
- ▶ Locked in the lowest middle-class tax rate in 60 years

Protecting our community

- ▶ Working to develop educational materials for people who work at senior social programs to recognize the signs of elder abuse

Working for you

- ▶ Requiring banks to report suspected financial abuse to adult protective services and law enforcement for consumers who opt in to the program
- ▶ Working to create a senior guide of side effects and information for drugs commonly used by people 62 and older
- ▶ Working to require more disclosure behind advertising claims of senior expertise



Keeping you informed about health care

- ▶ This fall, Assemblywoman Simotas hosted a free seminar for seniors with information about Medicare, health insurance, and useful local resources
- ▶ Speakers from the Department of Aging, Mount Sinai Hospital and experts on Medicare offered advice and answered questions about health insurance and community assistance available for seniors

If you ever have a question or need assistance with your health care needs or insurance, please contact my office at **718-545-3889**.

“You’ve worked hard your whole life to make our community great. You deserve security in the years ahead.”

– Assemblymember
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