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Dear Constituent:

The winter season has begun, and while most of us will not relish the low temperatures over the coming months, we certainly look forward to the holidays and the special emphasis we give to families and friends during this season. For Christians like me, it's Christmas I'll celebrate the birth of Christ and reflect on the tidings of joy and his gospel of redemption for sinful mankind. My Jewish constituents will light the Menorah and celebrate

Hanukkah. They will remember the courage and faith of their ancestors who fought religious persecution, and the miracles that were thrust upon them, during this, the festival of lights. The story of Kwanzaa will be told to young and old, and for many new Americans this melting pot of culture will be overcoming.

Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, whatever religion, all will be caught up in this magic period of joy, good will, good cheers, and spending gone wild. Yet there will always be some who cannot join in the joy without help from others who have been blessed. Yes, there will always be some in need, and yes, charity should still be the essence of our holiday spirit. So please let us spread the joy by helping up someone who is down and in need of a lift up.

As 2014 speeds into memory, I want you to know that I remain deeply humbled and honored by you allowing me the privilege of continuing to serve as your member from the 58th Assembly District. I thank you for reaffirming your trust in me, and look forward to working for you during the next legislative term.

As is my custom since you elected me, I will be taking the Oath of Office to begin my new term during an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, which begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by a Gala Thank You Dinner Party on Saturday, January 10, 2015. You are invited to join me. Please find your personal invitation below.

My best wishes for a most enjoyable holiday season, and may God bless you and bless our great nation, state and city.

Working for You!

N. Nick Perry Member of Assembly



Remembering Eric Garner

"Eric Garner died repeating the words "I can't breathe." All of us who can still breathe, must join the fight to reform police culture and training to ensure that all New Yorkers are treated equally, and with the respect due to every citizen, regardless of your color."

– Assemblyman Perry

Your Invitation to the 2015 Swear-In Ceremony & Inaugural Gala

The Honor of Your Presence is Requested at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service and Community Swear-In Of

Hon. N. Nick Perry Member of Assembly 58th Assembly District, Brooklyn, NY

Saturday, January 10th, 2015

At Five O'clock in the Afternoon

Christian Fellowship S.D.A. Church 777 Schenectady Ave. (between Linden Blvd. & Lenox Rd.) **AFTER SWEAR-IN CEREMONY:**

A GALA RECEPTION, CULTURAL SHOW & DINNER PARTY

8:00 P.M.

Holy Family R.C. Church Auditorium

9719 Flatlands Ave. (corner of Rockaway Parkway)

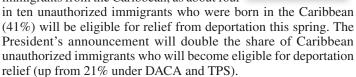
*Seating is Limited RSVP (718) 385-3336 by January 5th

Perry Lauds Obama's Bold Move on Immigration Executive Action Brings Holiday Cheer to New Americans

Assemblyman Perry praised President Obama for taking an executive action in attempts to fix the nation's broken immigration system which most notably creates a program called the Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) to protect immigrants who have lived in the US for more than five years from deportation. President Obama also pledged to end the widely criticized "Secure Communities," program under which millions of people are reported to the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement for minor offenses, such as traffic tickets.

An immigrant himself, and a life-long advocate for immigrant causes, Assemblyman Perry cheered the executive order. "The President's action insures that Lady Liberty's torch continues to serve as a beacon of light and hope for those yearning to taste real freedom, realize their dreams and potential as human beings, and help America remain the greatest nation ever. I applaud our President for not cowering to desperate partisan threats and instead taking this extraordinary and bold action."

The executive order will profoundly affect immigrants from the Caribbean, as about four



Assemblyman Perry Reminds Seniors to Stay Alert for Scams this Holiday Season

While the holidays are supposed to be a time of celebration and joy, it is often a time when con-artists prey on the goodwill of senior citizens and other well-intentioned members of our community. Assemblyman Perry has compiled a list of commonly used scam tactics to help prevent you from falling victim to these hoaxes. Seniors are commonly targeted. Even though senior citizens represent just 12 percent of the population, they represent 30 percent of scam victims.

Here are a few common and popular scams to be on the look-out for:

"Your computer is damaged and we will help you fix it" Scam

In an attempt to sell you computer software that you don't need, a scammer will contact you over the phone and attempt to sell you useless software, or lure you to a website to input personal information to be later used for felonious purposes.

They may even attempt to remotely access your computer to retrieve personal information on their own. This is a scam, they are trying to steal information, or sell you bogus software.

Remember: Microsoft, Facebook and other tech companies will never, ever call you at home.

ATM Skimming

During the holiday season we often need to access our money quickly, and will use the first available ATM machine, but beware. Criminals can access your personal information at ATMs by installing hi-tech skimming devices to steal the data off your card's magnetic strip and either using a video camera or keypad overlay to capture your PIN number.

To avoid falling prey this popular scam look carefully at your ATM for anything suspicious such as anything cracked or crooked, and cover the keypad when entering your PIN number.

DEBT COLLECTOR SCAM

The NYS Taxpayer Rights Advocate has reported recent fraudulent activity by scammers posing as debt collectors seeking to settle alleged outstanding state tax debts. The scammers are pressuring consumers into sending payments via money order to satisfy debts that the consumers may not actually owe. The IRS and legitimate government agencies never demand payment by phone.

- If you owe money, you will receive a legitimate notice in writing that identifies the agency and the reason you owe money.
- Do not give out personal information, including your Social Security number or bank account information, to telephone callers.
- Legitimate government organizations will never threaten arrest or deportation for failure to pay a debt.



ASSEMBLYMAN **N. Nick PERRY** Holiday Greeting & A Special Invitation for You and Your Family.

Assemblyman Perry Recommends You Adopt the Following Practices to Protect Yourself this Season from the Most Common Dirty Tricks:

- Never open the door for a stranger, especially if you're alone.
- If someone claims you hit their car, stay in your vehicle, use your cellphone to call the police.
- Don't make yourself vulnerable in an effort to be polite.
- Shred anything with your credit card number, or personal information on it.
- Use direct deposit for benefit checks to prevent checks from being stolen from the mailbox.
- Be skeptical of all unsolicited offers and thoroughly do your research.
- Never give your credit card, banking, Social Security, Medicare or other personal information over the phone unless you initiated the call.

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