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## Senator Fuschillo Meets WITH New State Health Commissioner

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Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. (R-Merrick) recently met with the new Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, Dr. Nirav Shah. Dr. Shah was nominated by Governor Cuomo to lead the State Department of Health and was recently confirmed as Commissioner by the State Senate. Senator Fuschillo supported Dr. Shah's nomination in the Senate, where it received unanimous approval.

"Dr. Shah is a well respected expert who is highly qualified to lead the State's Department of Health. I congratulate him on his appointment and look forward to working with him in his new role as Commissioner," said Senator Fuschillo.

Dr. Shah was previously an Attending Physician at Bellevue Hospital Center, Associate Investigator at the Geisinger Center for Health Research and Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Section of Value & Comparative Effectiveness at NYU Langone Medical Center. He is an expert in the use of systems-based methods to improve patient outcomes, a leading researcher in use of large scale clinical laboratories and electronic health records to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of care, and a nationally recognized thought leader in the very methods needed to transition to the future of lower-cost, more patient-centered, health care for the 21st century.

Dr. Shah is an honors graduate of Harvard College, received M.D. and M.P.H. degrees from Yale School of Medicine, was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at UCLA, and a National Research Service Award Fellow at NYU. He has served on the editorial boards of medical journals, has published over 90 peer-reviewed articles and has received over \$4.5 million in research funding.

Senator Fuschillo (right) is pictured as he meets with Commissioner Shah in the Senate Chamber.

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