

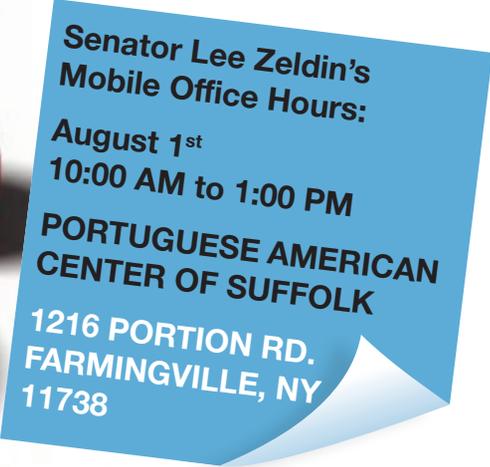


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A SPECIAL UPDATE FROM SENATOR LEE ZELDIN: **Protecting Long Islanders from Prescription Drug Abuse**



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Senator Lee Zeldin Announces the Enactment of The Internet System for Tracking Over-Prescribing (I-STOP)

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Prescription drug abuse has become a public health and safety crisis in far too many communities across our state. In fact, even here in our own area, the brutal shootings last year at a Medford pharmacy were a shocking and painful reminder of the devastation and violence that are often associated with rampant abuse.

For this reason, I am proud to have partnered with my Senate colleagues to enact the **Internet System for Tracking Over-Prescribing (I-STOP)**. This important new law will:

- **Create** a modernized and improved “real time” Prescription Monitoring Program;
- **Require** e-prescribing, making New York a national leader by being one of the first states to move from paper prescriptions;
- **Enhance** the Prescription Pain Medication Awareness Program to educate the public and health care practitioners about the risks associated with controlled substance pain medications; and
- **Establish** a Safe Disposal Program to increase the options available to safely dispose of unused controlled substances.

Cracking down on prescription drug abuse will save money, deter criminal activity, and ultimately save lives.

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