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Putting a Finger on It on *Today*

Following Cuomo's Call for New York City to End "Fingerprints for Food Stamps" Today at the Request of Majority Leader Gregory the County's Department of Social Services Will Provide a Full Report of its Welfare Fraud Prevention Practices

HAUPPAUGE, NY—In his annual State of the State Address, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo called on Mayor Bloomberg to end New York City's "Fingerprints for Food Stamps" application and fraud prevention program. In his first action after being appointed chairman of the Suffolk County Legislature's new Human Services Committee, Majority Leader DuWayne Gregory (D-Amityville) has arranged to have the County's Department of Social Services (DSS) to provide the Legislature with a full cost/benefit analysis of the department's fraud prevention activities. That presentation will occur at the inaugural meeting of the Human Services this morning January 30 at 10 am.

- WHO:** Human Services Committee Chairman DuWayne Gregory, Vice Chair Hahn, Legislator Browning, Legislator D'Amato, Legislator Romaine and independent Social Service providers.
- WHEN:** **TODAY**, January 30, 10 am
- WHERE:** Auditorium of the W.H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway Smithtown, NY 11787
- WHAT:** Department of Social Services Commissioner Gregory J. Blass will give a power point presentation of his department's fraud prevention activities.
- WHY:** Faced with looming budget deficits and unfunded state mandates, Suffolk County must continue to provide social services on behalf of the New York State. Care must be taken to ensure that everything is being done to prevent fraud and abuse from wasting taxpayers' dollars while at the same time delivering these services in way that preserves people's dignity.