



Assemblyman Ed Ra: Leading the Fight to Curb Prescription Drug Abuse

REDUCING THE SUPPLY TO SAVE LIVES:

To reduce the amount of prescription drugs on the street, Assemblyman Ra helped create the I-STOP program to prevent “doctor shopping” by giving pharmacists access to the state’s real time Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Doctor shopping occurs when an individual visits multiple practitioners in an attempt to receive a prescription for controlled substances for either personal use or street sale.

EXPANDING CARE:

In 2011, Assemblyman Ra helped pass the Good Samaritan Act, which allows individuals to seek out medical care for someone who is experiencing a drug or alcohol overdose without fear of arrest. This legislation will help ensure that those who are abusing drugs can get the treatment they need.

A PRESCRIPTION FOR SAFETY:

Theft of prescription drugs through the mail has contributed to the influx of dangerous drugs finding their way onto our streets. That’s why Assemblyman Ra passed legislation to restrict health insurers from mandating the use of mail-order pharmacies.



**Assemblyman
Ed Ra and
Senator
Kemp Hannon
are asking for
your help to**

SHED the MEDS

with Sanitary District #6 and Carey Dad's Club

Sunday, September 16

10 a.m. to Noon

**Town of Hempstead Special Sanitation District #6
80 Cherry Valley Avenue, West Hempstead**

**This event will be supervised by the
Nassau County Police Department.**

**Drop off any expired or unwanted medication and it will be collected and
safely disposed of by officers from the Nassau County Police Department.**

**Disposing of medication improperly, such as flushing it down a toilet or
pouring it down the drain, can lead to pollution in the water we drink. Safe
disposal helps protect our health and keeps prescription drugs away from
young children or others who might use them improperly.**

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