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PROGRAMS**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**SUBJECT:** Examining Issues Relating to Poverty among our Senior Citizens

**PURPOSE:** To understand the causes, risk factors, and impact of poverty among senior citizens in New York State.

**Albany**  
Wednesday  
November 18, 2015  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Hearing Room B  
Legislative Office Building  
198 State St  
Albany, NY

According to the 2013 American Community Survey conducted by the United States Census Bureau, 11.3% of those aged 65 years and over in New York State are living in poverty. While medical advances have led to longer and healthier lives, there are still large numbers of older adults living in poverty. Living in poverty often forces seniors to make harmful sacrifices that can affect their overall quality of life.

It is essential that we understand the causes and risk factors of poverty among senior citizens, especially those who are disproportionately impacted by poverty, in order to improve prevention efforts and find solutions to help those seniors currently trapped in poverty across the State. To achieve such goal, the Committees seek testimony regarding the impact of assistance currently provided by state and local government agencies and any gaps in such services that may exist. The Committees will also seek testimony regarding new initiatives that can help bring older adults out of poverty and provide support in the future.

The Assembly is dedicated to protecting the quality of life, health, safety, and independence of New York's seniors. Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to the committee staff as early as possible. Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committees would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements. In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committee's interest in receiving written testimony from all sources.

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on Examining Issues Relating to Poverty among our Senior Citizens to be conducted by the Assembly Committees on Aging and Social Services, the Assembly Puerto Rican/Hispanic Task Force, the Assembly Subcommittee on Community Integration, and the Assembly Subcommittee on Outreach and Oversight of Senior Citizen Programs on November 18, 2015.
- I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
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