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DINOLFO WARNS LOCAL SENIORS OF APPARENT SOCIAL SECURITY SCAM

Mail coming from the "The Seniors Trust" targets Social Security beneficiaries

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** is warning local seniors of an apparent mail scam targeting Social Security recipients. The mailing, coming from an organization named "The Seniors Trust" and allegedly affiliated with a group called "The Citizen's Assembly, Inc.", urges seniors to send their credit card information along with a completed survey within seven days in order to secure a \$65 increase to their Social Security check.

*"It is reprehensible that anyone would seek to scam seniors in the midst of the holiday season, let alone an out-of-town shadow company that preys on Social Security beneficiaries," said **Dinolfo**. "I encourage all local seniors to be very skeptical of mail coming from 'The Seniors Trust' or any other entity that requests information about Social Security, other than the federal Social Security Administration. The best course of action is to not respond and to always use caution when providing personal information to an unsolicited source."*

The Monroe County Office for the Aging is aware of the apparent scam and has opened an inquiry with the New York State Office for the Aging to determine if similar letters are being distributed across the state. Suspected scams can be reported to the Monroe County Office for the Aging by calling (585) 753-6280.

Tips from the Better Business Bureau for spotting scams:

- **Be wary if you are being asked to act immediately.** Scammers typically try to push you into action before you have had time to think.
- **Don't share your credit card information.** Paying by credit card is typically a great way to protect yourself when purchasing online. But sending your name, address and credit card information to scammers opens yourself up to ID theft and other cons.
- **If it seems too outlandish to be true, it probably is.** Many fraud schemes snare victims by offering deals too good to be true. But some, like this, scare targets into taking action. Either way, use common sense and when in doubt, do a quick web search.

For more information on how to avoid scams, seniors can call Lifespan at (585) 244-8400 or NY Connects at 325-2800.

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