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County Executive

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Mayor Erland Chau
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Dear Erland:

I was recently asked by Pleasantville Councilman Gus Harmon to contact our municipalities about a growing concern with unsolicited calls from telemarketers, specifically those regarding Social Security benefits.

These telemarketers prey on unsuspecting senior citizens by identifying themselves as Social Security Administration representatives who need to confirm information about their benefits. You can well imagine the fear and concern these calls can raise among those who depend on these benefits. As a result, they often feel compelled to provide personal and financial information that should not be shared, such as their Social Security number, name, address, date of birth, bank accounts, etc.

The county will do what it can through our agencies to educate and alert residents about the dangers of providing such information to unknown callers. I agree with Councilman Harmon that our municipalities should also help share this message with their citizens. The more people become aware, the less likely it is that these unscrupulous telemarketers will succeed.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Dennis Levinson
County Executive

c: Council Members
Atlantic County Board of Freeholders
Pleasantville Councilman Augustus Harmon
Patricia Diamond, Human Services Department Head
Christine Wilson, Intergenerational Services Director

