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## LEG. D'AMARO REMINDS RESIDENTS ABOUT LIPA'S CRITICAL CARE PROGRAM

(HUNTINGTON STATION... August 30, 2010) – Hurricane season is underway and some experts are predicting that the East Coast could get hit with between 8 and 12 storms from now until November. Suffolk Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) wants to remind residents that although the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) takes every precaution to avoid power outages, the fact remains that wind, rain and extreme weather conditions can cause damage to power lines and affect service. In an effort to minimize the impact of service disruptions on the most at-risk residents, LIPA has created a "Critical Care Program" that identifies customers who rely on life-support equipment. Legislator D'Amaro is urging local residents to sign up for this potentially life-saving program.

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Under the program, participating customers are alerted in advance of an impending storm that could result in service disruptions. LIPA also assists these residents in making advanced preparations for the storm.

Eleven devices meet the medical criteria for life-support equipment. They are as follows:

1. Apnea Monitor
2. Curraise Respirator
3. Positive Pressure Respirator
4. Suction Machine
5. IV Feeding Machine
6. Take Type Respirator
7. Respirator/Ventilator
8. Hemodialysis Machine
9. Rocking Bed Respirator
10. Oxygen Concentrator
11. IV Medical Infusion Machine

“If you or a family member rely on any of these devices, I highly recommend signing up for LIPA’s Critical Care Program.” D’Amaro said. “It’s free and it could save a life.”

For more information and to enroll, call 1-800-490-0025 or visit [lipower.org](http://lipower.org).

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*Suffolk County Legislator Lou D’Amaro (D-Huntington Station) represents the 17<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington Station, South Huntington, Huntington, West Hills, Melville, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is Chairman of the Ways & Means committee, Vice Chairman of the Budget & Finance committee and Vice Chairman of the Environment, Planning & Agriculture committee of the Suffolk County Legislature.*