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## Senator Kennedy to Hold Senior Safety Initiative in Cheektowaga

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*Cheektowaga Senior Center will be site for June 8 program designed to help protect seniors from fraud and abuse*

CHEEKTOWAGA, N.Y. – Senator Timothy M. Kennedy, D-58th District, will hold a program designed to keep seniors safe this Friday, June 8, at 12:30 p.m. at the Cheektowaga Senior Center. Senator Kennedy’s Senior Safety Initiative brings together officials from law enforcement and public safety to discuss ways for seniors to protect themselves from fraud, deceptive schemes, elder abuse and other potential dangers. The presentation will also highlight efforts to keep neighborhoods safe.

At the Senior Safety Initiative event Friday, senior citizens will benefit from the crime-prevention expertise of the Office of Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and the Cheektowaga Police Department.

“We are absolutely committed to helping seniors stay safe and independent in the homes and neighborhoods where they’ve always lived,” said Senator Kennedy. “Attorney General Schneiderman and the Cheektowaga Police share this commitment. Together, we have made protecting seniors’ safety and dignity a top priority. Our Senior Safety Initiative will help empower senior citizens with the information and know-how they need to protect

themselves from fraud and abuse. We hope Cheektowaga seniors will join us Friday for this event.”

Committed to protecting seniors from fraud and abuse, Attorney General Schneiderman has dispatched a member of his team to inform Cheektowaga seniors of their rights under state law and present steps to take to protect their health and finances. The discussion will cover topics like elder abuse, identity theft, internet scams, asset protection and more.

As a police force focused on protecting and improving seniors' safety, Cheektowaga Police will highlight ways for seniors to remain safe in their neighborhoods. They will discuss efforts to help senior citizens, especially during times of distress or danger.

A licensed occupational therapist who has served individuals of all ages, Senator Kennedy has long been focused on improving seniors' health and safety. He will lay out various legislative initiatives, which he has been pushing to protect seniors and their financial assets.

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*Senator Timothy M. Kennedy represents the New York State Senate's 58th District, which is comprised of the towns of Cheektowaga, Eden, Hamburg and West Seneca, the city of Lackawanna and parts of the city of Buffalo. More information is available at <http://kennedy.nysenate.gov>.*