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Senator Kennedy to Hold Senior Safety Initiative in Lackawanna

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Lackawanna Senior Center will be site for July 24 program designed to help protect seniors from fraud and abuse

LACKAWANNA, N.Y. – Senator Tim Kennedy, D-58th District, will hold a program designed to help keep senior citizens safe Tuesday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m. at the Lackawanna 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 our neighborhoods safe.

At the Senior Safety Initiative event Tuesday, senior citizens will benefit from the expertise of the Office of Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and the Lackawanna 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 Lackawanna Police Department 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 Lackawanna seniors will join us Tuesday for this important event.”

Committed to protecting seniors fraud and abuse, Attorney General Schneiderman has dispatched a member of his team to inform Lackawanna seniors of their rights under state law. They will also present steps seniors can take to protect their health, safety 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, the Lackawanna Police Department 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 helped rehabilitate 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>.