

# Rotary

## Club of Buffalo



### Reminder: Today's Speaker - August 10, 2023



Senator Tim Kennedy will be speaking about his current work as Senator of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Senate District and Chairman of the Transportation Committee in the NYS Senate.

Since being sworn into office in January 2011, Senator Tim Kennedy has fought to ensure Western New York sees its fair share of funding and state resources. In March 2019, three months after being named Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, Tim **delivered an unprecedented \$100 million to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA)** to fund a five-year capital plan for maintenance and improvement of the Metro Rail.

Throughout his time in office, Tim has kept a strong focus on protecting the most vulnerable in our community. He spearheaded the passage of **Jay-J's law, legislation that stiffens penalties for repeat child abusers.** The legislation was inspired by Jay-J Bolvin, a young boy who was brutally abused by his father. Sadly, Jay-J's father received a light sentence due to antiquated sentencing laws, but through Tim's advocacy, these penalties were strengthened. Tim also penned **Jackie's Law, which protects victims of domestic violence from GPS stalking,** and was signed into law in 2014.

Tim is a lifelong Western New York resident. He grew up in a blue-collar family in Buffalo, where his parents, Marty and Mary Kennedy, raised Tim and his four siblings to work hard, focus on their education, help their neighbors, and get involved in their community. Tim attended St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute before going on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees in occupational therapy at D'Youville College. For 11 years, Tim worked with the geriatric and pediatric populations to help them recover from injuries and fully participate in all life situations. **As a licensed occupational therapist, Tim has spent his entire career working to help people.**

Tim and his wife, Katie, live in the City of Buffalo where they are raising their three children, Connor, Eireann, and Padraic.