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Sean M. Ryan was elected to the New York State Senate in 2020, and previously served in the New York State Assembly from 2011 to 2020. Senator Ryan represents the 60th Senate District.

Mr. Ryan grew up in the City of Lackawanna, where he learned the value of hard work from his father who was a firefighter, and his mother who was a teacher.

As a child, Senator Ryan learned if you worked hard you will be secure, you will have a place in the economy, and you can live the American dream. During his senior year in high



school, his thinking changed as Bethlehem Steel closed its doors. Thousands of Western New Yorkers lost their jobs. Family, friends, and neighbors were all displaced in the economy. Since that time Western New York has struggled to get back on its feet.

As an Assemblyman Sean worked to transform the Western New York economy during his time in office.

Mr. Ryan, after graduating from Lackawanna High School furthered his education at SUNY College at Fredonia and Brooklyn Law School. Senator Ryan's legal experience includes work for Neighborhood Legal Services, a private law practice collaboration with the Learning Disabilities Association of WNY concentrating on the rights of disabled students, and the Legal Aide Bureau of Buffalo. His legal career highlights include a record award for a victim of housing discrimination, a successful challenge to a school district's denial of special education services to children enrolled in parochial schools, and an action to compel enforcement of Buffalo's Living Wage Ordinance.

In 2008, Mr. Ryan began working with People United for Sustainable Housing, Inc. to create a non-profit development entity called the Buffalo Neighborhood Stabilization Company, Inc. (BNSC). He served as the Executive Director and General Counsel of BNSC and worked to create a redevelopment plan for a section of the West Side of Buffalo.

Senator Ryan has served on the Board of Directors and has provided legal representation and guidance to numerous non-profit organizations including Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Autistic Services Inc, Coalition for Economic Justice, and the City of Buffalo's Living Wage Commission.

As an Assemblyman, Mr. Ryan championed many different issues including creating a fair economy for all, protecting taxpayer dollars, lower taxes for middle-class families and small businesses, increased investment in education, waterfront development, neighborhood redevelopment, and clean air, water, and environmental protection. In the State Senate, Senator Ryan is continuing his commitment to serve the people of Western New York.

He resides in the City of Buffalo with his wife Catherine Creighton and their two daughters.