



Jeff Brandes Bio

Senator Jeff Brandes is a highly respected and accomplished leader who served in the Florida Legislature from 2010 to 2022. He represented District 24, which covered a majority of Pinellas County, and was known for his innovative and independent policy-making. Throughout his tenure, he consistently advocated for solutions to address Florida's most challenging issues.

Brandes is a strong advocate for free market principles and has worked to reduce regulations and taxes to promote business development in Florida. He is a vocal supporter of cutting-edge technologies and has played a vital role in the state's advancing self-driving vehicles, rideshare, and other emerging technologies. For fourteen years, he has hosted the Florida Automated Vehicle Summit, which assembles industry leaders from around the country to address transportation technologies, operations, and policy issues.

He is a veteran, having served as an Army officer in the 101st Airborne Division in Iraq. This experience gave him a unique perspective on leadership and public service. He has also been an advocate for prison reform, worked to increase public safety through improvements in the criminal justice system, and was a leader in property insurance reform.

In addition to his legislative duties, Brandes is a business owner and serves on the boards of several community organizations. He is dedicated to making Florida a better place to live, work and raise a family.

In 2023, Jeff founded the Florida Policy Project, a not-for-profit think tank and research bank. The Florida Policy Project provides best practice policy solutions across four pillars: housing affordability, transportation, insurance and criminal justice reform.

Senator Brandes has four children and lives in St. Petersburg, Florida. He enjoys reading, aviation and working on policy solutions for Florida.