



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Statement From Senator Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick On Belmont Stakes Moving to Saratoga Springs in 2024

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I join my neighbors from Elmont, Floral Park, Bellerose, and all of Nassau County in sharing my disappointment to hear that the Belmont Stakes will not be run at Belmont Park this year - and possibly next year as well.

The overall economic loss to area hotels, restaurants, and hundreds of other local businesses is incalculable.

While reconstruction of the historic racetrack is much needed, alternate plans should have been made to avoid this devastating loss.

I am urging Governor Hochul to assist in addressing the needs of Belmont Park's neighbors, particularly in underserved communities like Elmont. It is crucial to secure a substantial community benefit package that not only compensates for this year's revenue loss but also facilitates future economic growth in the region.