



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement on Addabbo Honoring a Commitment to a Fair and Transparent Downstate Casino Licensing Process

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"As Chairman of the State Senate Committee on Gaming, Racing and Wagering, I appreciate the commencement of the downstate casino license application process. Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Gaming Commission should be commended for their on-time, efficient acceptance of the submitted applications.

The downstate casino gaming expansion brings substantial economic development opportunities with job creation, better entertainment choices for our communities and improved programs to address problem gambling. The selection of licensees must be conducted with absolute integrity, because we need credible operators who will maintain responsible business practices, generate positive economic growth and be mindful of the pitfalls that exist with gambling.

I trust that Governor Hochul, along with the Gaming Commission and the Gaming Facility Location Board, will maintain the highest standards throughout this entire process. Their leadership, together with their expertise, plays a crucial role in achieving a fair and competitive selection process which will benefit all New Yorkers.

I remain optimistic that the upcoming licensing process will proceed according to schedule, while upholding our mutual goals for responsible gaming and economic development. I will

continue to work with all stakeholders to guarantee the best possible outcomes for our state and local communities."