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Addabbo's Statement on Governor Cuomo's Recent Position on the Proposed Resorts World Convention Center

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Queens, NY, June 5, 2012 – NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. (D-Howard Beach), released the following statement today regarding Governor Cuomo's recent remarks to the press on the proposed new Resorts World Convention Center and the reported collapse of negotiations with Genting:

Knowing that we are at the very early stages of realizing the actuality of building a convention center, or even full gaming in New York, I am still optimistic that in the end we will make every effort to maximize the potential at Resorts World. It should not be overlooked that the Resorts World site has been the generator of millions of dollars in revenue to the city and state, while contributing over \$100 million to our educational system. The site has been the provider of thousands of jobs. Our state government would be irrational to not explore the possibility of thousands of more job opportunities and extensive revenue to be created there.

Actually, the Resorts World site could have a ground-breaking for a convention center tomorrow if it were approved. Most any other site is years away from developing a convention center due to the environmental, traffic, soil and other studies that must be completed beforehand.

I intend to remain vigilant in my efforts to work with the Governor's office and the representatives of Resorts World to create jobs and increase revenue for the city and state at the site, while addressing the concerns of my residents on the issue.

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