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Senator Fuschillo Statement on Metro-North Train Derailment

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"The derailment of a Metro-North train in the Bronx early this morning is a terrible tragedy which has already claimed several lives and resulted in numerous injuries. My thoughts and prayers are with all the victims of this derailment and my most heartfelt condolences go out to the families of those who lost their lives. I also thank the many first responders on the scene for everything they have done, and are continuing to do, to help the train's passengers.

I have spoken with MTA Chairman Tom Prendergast who informed me that National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is conducting an investigation as to what caused this derailment. Given that numerous other derailments have occurred throughout the New York metropolitan region over the last two years, the NTSB and U.S. Department of Transportation should undertake a comprehensive review and evaluate the track conditions throughout the metropolitan region. It is important that the entire regional track infrastructure be examined to identify any chronic issues that have led to past derailments or could lead to future derailments in order to ensure the safety of the millions of people who use the trains every single day."

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