



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement from Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. on Federal Railroad Administration Report of Maspeth Train Accident

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"The recent Federal Railroad Administration safety report investigating last year's train collision in Maspeth only further solidifies what we already know – railroad safety on the New York & Atlantic (NYA) Railroad is lacking. These disturbing details once again indicate the lack of safety procedures of NYA. Their inadequate record keeping indicates a callous disregard for employee and public safety. It is ultimately the responsibility of the MTA to ensure that the company they select to operate the freight concession does so in a responsible and safe manner. NYA has failed to hire certified, trained conductors and engineers, putting their employees and the public in harm's way. It is crucial that New York & Atlantic listen to the recommendations of not only the community in which it operates, but from elected officials and government agencies that have put forth multiple suggestions on how to improve safety before another tragic accident occurs. New York & Atlantic owes it to those around them to cooperate with the community before it is too late."