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Addabbo statement on Department of Investigation report about DHS not properly vetting hotel sites

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"When the Department of Investigation released their report on Thursday, showing that the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) failed to properly vet hotels throughout the city, where DHS housed homeless women and children, for criminal activity, it was both shocking and concerning. I am deeply concerned for not only for the homeless women and children across the city who have had to live in these inadequate hotels where criminal activities have taken place, but for everyone at the hotels and the residents of the surrounding communities," said State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. "Potentially exposing vulnerable women and young children to prostitution or drug-related activities can introduce additional risks to an already risky situation. I am glad to hear that DHS has taken action on the DOI's recommendations laid out in the report, and I hope this can shed light on the need to fix this situation, and finally get the homeless out of hotels."