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## Addabbo on Environmental Bond Act

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The decision to postpone a vote on the Restore Mother Nature Environmental Bond Act could have an adverse effect on many regions across the state. This important piece of legislation, being victimized by the COVID-19 pandemic, would have helped protect communities vulnerable to flooding and better prepare New York for the impacts of climate change,” said State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. “In the middle of hurricane season, it is hard not to think about 2012 when Superstorm Sandy made landfall in New York and devastated the Rockaway peninsula, Broad Channel, Howard Beach, Hamilton Beach and other parts of my district, causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damage, displacing hundreds of residents and tragic fatalities. I fully comprehend the negative impact the Coronavirus has had on our state's economy this year and beyond, which is why I believe to credibly address environmental issues, as well as other critical state services, the dire need for new, realistic revenue in our the state, such as with mobile sports betting, is necessary to raise substantial, consistent funding that could be used to protect and assist vital initiatives in New York.