



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Addabbo's Statement on Governor Hochul's 2025 State of State Address

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State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. said: "In my experiences working with initiatives proposed by mayors and governors, I've always asked how they will pay for such proposals and Governor Hochul's proposed initiatives in her 2025 State of the State are no exception. While I commend Governor Hochul on making family a priority and focusing on safety, affordability, childcare, preventing food insecurity and increasing access to education, I once again become curious as to how her administration plans to pay for such initiatives.

As Chair of the Senate Racing, Gaming and Wagering Committee, I have several ideas for revenue and possibly how to fund several of Governor Hochul's proposals.

I agree with many of her ideas and was even a co-sponsor of the mentioned Climate Superfund Act, however her support of Mayor Adams' City of Yes and congestion pricing, both of which I don't support, and her lack of highlighting possible improvements to health care programs concerns me. I look forward to working with Governor Hochul and my colleagues in government to create a more resilient, safer and affordable state as we move forward in the new year."