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Sen. Bruno concludes by stating, "Certainly, New York State didn't want to be the model for how to respond to terrorism. But we will be the model for other states and cities to follow so terrorism can be stopped and lives can be saved."

Sen. Bruno has served as New York's Senate Majority Leader since 1995.

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According to Gordon, during the process of planning for the response and recovery as well as the mitigation efforts from a terrorist attack, it is important that policy-makers in all three branches of government address the following key issues:
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