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***DESPITE OVERBLOWN CLAIMS FROM LANDLORDS,
HOUSING MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS DECREASE
FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION OF HISTORIC RENT
REFORMS***

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society released an analysis today which revealed that following the implementation of the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019 (HSTPA) on June 14, 2019, housing maintenance code (HMC) violations issued by the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) actually decreased compared to the same period in 2018. This negates claims made by landlords that violations would balloon because of the HSTPA. In fact, the data show otherwise.

<u>Window</u>	<u>Violations Issued</u>
6/14/18 – 12/31/18	330,828
6/14/19 – 12/31/19	327,937
Difference	2,891

“Despite claims from the landlord lobby that housing maintenance code violations would reach unprecedented levels, violations actually decreased since HSTPA was enacted this June,” said **Judith Goldiner, Attorney-In-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “It is important that we continue to debunk claims peddled by critics to undermine these historic reforms. The reality is that HSTPA has kept more families in their homes since Albany enacted it into law this past June.”

Earlier this month, The Legal Aid Society released another [analysis](#) – using the same date parameters – that revealed an 18 percent decrease in eviction warrants executed by New York City Marshalls. Legal Aid cited the success of the [newly enacted rent laws](#) and New York City’s [Right to Counsel](#) program in housing court as the main drivers for the decrease. Learn more about the #NYHomesGuarantee and 2020 statewide legislative housing priorities [here](#).

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