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***New York Elected Officials and Union Leader Call on Albany To Pass “Good Cause” Eviction Legislation In New Video On One-Year Anniversary of Bill Introduction***

***New Poll Shows Majority of New Yorkers Support “Good Cause,” Want It Passed In 2020***

(New York, NY) — The Legal Aid Society today released a [video](#) featuring Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, New York State Senator Julia Salazar, and District Council 37 Executive Director Henry Garrido calling on Albany to pass the “Good Cause” eviction bill on the one-year anniversary of the introduction of the legislation (S2892/A5030).

The bill would give every tenant in New York State the right to a renewal lease and protection against unreasonable rent increases, and would require landlords to have “just cause” to evict a tenant in an unregulated or “market-rate” housing unit. In the year since the bill was introduced, at least 36,500 people across the state have faced eviction.

New Yorkers want to see Albany build on the historic housing reforms of 2019 in order to combat the affordable housing and homelessness crisis. A new [poll](#) from Data for Progress shows that a majority of New Yorkers support “Good Cause” eviction legislation. Additionally, the legislation has garnered the majority of democratic lawmakers in each chamber as [co-sponsors](#).

“Albany legislators must stand up for tenants and continue building on the historic housing reforms passed in 2019 to truly protect *all* tenants,” said Congresswoman Velazquez in the video.

Garrido added, “Hardworking New Yorkers deserve permanent, affordable housing in order to continue doing the jobs that make New York one of the best places in the world.”

Senator Salazar said, “In 2020, we MUST pass ‘Good Cause’ eviction legislation to protect New Yorkers.”

**To view the video, [click here](#). Join the conversation on social by using #GoodCauseNow.**

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