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***Legal Aid Statement on Rent Guidelines Board's
Preliminary Vote to Freeze Rents***

(New York, NY) - Adriene Holder, Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Practice at The Legal Aid Society and former tenant member of the New York City Rent Guidelines Board, released the following statement in response to the Rent Guidelines Board preliminary vote to freeze rents for tenants in nearly 1 million rent-regulated apartments across New York City:

“Amid the economic devastation that COVID-19 has caused, a rent freeze is the only appropriate action to mitigate the impact of this unprecedented crisis for tenants across the city, many of who are already at a breaking point after the effects of COVID-19. We must prioritize public health and the safety and welfare of all New Yorkers, especially those who are low-income and from communities of color that have been hit hardest by the coronavirus outbreak.”

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