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***Legal Aid Statement on CDC Regulation Extending Eviction Relief for Certain Renters  
Through end of 2020***

(NEW YORK, NY) – Ellen Davidson, Staff Attorney with the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society, issued the following statement concerning a [regulation](#) released tonight by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention which would extend an eviction moratorium for certain renters through December 31, 2020:

“Today's announcement is shocking but also a welcome surprise. It is, however, disappointing to see that the Federal Government is willing to do more for tenants than Governor Andrew Cuomo and other Albany lawmakers. Unfortunately, this regulation will not extend relief to tenants in unregulated apartments where the landlord can avoid the moratorium by bringing a case based on non-renewal of the tenant's lease. Conservatively, we believe that tens of thousands of New Yorkers will still face eviction because of this loophole. The Legal Aid Society reaffirms the need for Governor Cuomo and leaders of the Legislature to immediately enact a full-fledged moratorium to cover all tenants statewide before it is too late.”

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