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## With Less Than Ten Days Before NYS Eviction Moratorium Expires, Legal Aid Implores Governor Cuomo, Legislative Leaders to Act Immediately to Prevent Unprecedented Wave of Evictions and Homelessness

(NEW YORK, NY) – With less than ten days until New York State's eviction moratorium expires, The Legal Aid Society called on New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousin, and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie to act immediately to prevent an unprecedented wave of evictions and homelessness.

Legal Aid has repeatedly urged Governor Andrew Cuomo to use his powers and authority to extend the eviction moratorium indefinitely and outright, and has also called on New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie to reconvene the Legislature immediately to advance measures addressing this looming crisis.

"With less than 10 days to go until the statewide eviction moratorium expires, Governor Cuomo, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Speaker Heastie must extend this critical protection to save thousands of families across the state from losing their homes," said **Judith Goldiner**, **Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society.** "Between the 200,000 pending housing court cases and the 14,000 households with an active eviction warrant, allowing the moratorium to expire and these cases to proceed would be nothing short of catastrophic. Governor Cuomo, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Speaker Heastie must act immediately to prevent this potential nightmare from happening."

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