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Legal Aid Statement on NYS Eviction Moratorium Legislation

(NEW YORK, NY) – Judith Goldiner, Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement responding to recently introduced statewide eviction moratorium [legislation](#) (S9114/A11181):

“This legislation is critical and it will literally save lives. Not only does it institute a true and full moratorium for sixty days – enough time hopefully to carry people through the darkest remaining days of this pandemic – but it creates tools enabling tenants to seek to halt an eviction at any point in the process, even after a case has been adjudicated and resulted in an eviction warrant. This legislation, as written, will establish a bulwark against eviction that is one of the, if not the, strongest moratoriums in the country. However, lawmakers must remain open to enhancing this legislation if we find ourselves still severely mired in the pandemic come May.

The Legislature, reflecting the needs of the people it serves, has spoken and must pass this critical legislation. All eyes fall on Governor Cuomo, and The Legal Aid Society urges him to do what is moral and just, and enact this legislation immediately when it arrives at his desk.”

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