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## ***Legal Aid Statement on Passage of the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act***

### ***Governor Cuomo Must Sign Bill Immediately to Protect Hundreds of Thousands of Families From Losing Their Homes as Pandemic Rages Across the State***

(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 the passage of the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act ([S9114/A11181](#)):

“This critical legislation — which establishes one of the strongest statewide eviction moratoriums in the country — will defend hundreds of thousands of families from eviction and homelessness. However, the pandemic has proven time and time again to be unpredictable, and we must be ready to quickly enhance the protections afforded in this bill if the virus still poses a significant risk to the health and safety of New Yorkers come May.

The Legal Aid Society commends Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senators Brian Kavanagh and Zellnor Myrie, Assembly Members Jeffrey Dinowitz and Karines Reyes, and the rest of the New York State Legislature for supporting and passing the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act. Governor Cuomo has already signaled support for this legislation, and we urge him to sign this bill into law immediately when it arrives at his desk.”

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