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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

Elected Officials, Advocates to Hold Press Conference to Urge Tenants Behind on Rent Due to COVID-19 Hardship to Submit ‘Declaration Form’ to Avoid Eviction

NEW YORK, NY – State Senator Brian Kavanagh and Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz, who sponsored New York’s recent legislation mandating an eviction moratorium for tenants facing COVID-19 hardship, NYC Public Advocate’s Office, The Legal Aid Society, Citizen Action NY, NYLAG, Housing Rights Initiative, and other elected officials and housing advocacy groups will hold a press conference to raise awareness among New Yorkers who are behind on their rent because of financial or medical hardship due to COVID-19, that they can submit a Hardship Declaration Form to avoid facing eviction or unnecessary court proceedings until at least May 1st.

Following a [report](#) that more than a month after enactment of the eviction moratorium, New York City housing courts have received fewer than 2,300 hardship declaration forms, the elected officials and advocates are seeking to increase awareness on how to access and submit the forms. Although the report cited data only from New York City, anecdotal evidence suggests that greater awareness of the process is needed throughout the state.

WHO: New York State Senator Brian Kavanagh, Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz, NYC Public Advocate’s Office, The Legal Aid Society, Citizen Action NY, NYLAG, Housing Rights Initiative, and other elected officials and housing advocacy groups.

WHEN: Thursday, February 18th at 12:30 PM ET

WHERE: Join Zoom Meeting

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