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***Legal Aid Calls on Governor Cuomo to Enact the HERO Act,
Legislation that Would Codify Critical Workplace Protections for New
Yorkers to Defend Against COVID-19 Exposure, Retaliation Related
to Raising Health Concerns***

(NEW YORK, NY) – Young Lee, Director of the Employment Law Unit with the Civil Practice at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement in response to the New York State Legislature passing the HERO Act, legislation that would codify critical workplace protections for New Yorkers to defend against COVID-19 exposure and employer retaliation related to raising health concerns:

“This critical legislation will ensure that our clients – the majority of whom are from Black and Latinx communities, and many of whom have been providing a critical service throughout the pandemic – are both properly protected from COVID-19 exposure in the workplace and employer retaliation related to raising health concerns. As New York continues to grapple with more contagious variants of the virus and a stubbornly high positivity rate, we call on Governor Andrew Cuomo to sign this legislation the moment it reaches his desk. The Legal Aid Society lauds our allies in the Legislature for prioritizing and advancing this needed legislation.”

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