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## ***With 10 Days Left Until New York's Residential Eviction Moratorium Expires, Legal Aid Calls on Albany to Extend Protection to Prevent Widespread Evictions and Homelessness***

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society, with just 10 days left before New York State's eviction moratorium expires, issued the following statement calling on Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrew Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and other Albany lawmakers to extend the critical protection immediately:

“With only ten days left until New York's eviction moratorium expires, we demand that Albany leadership extend this critical protection immediately to last through the end of the pandemic and until the new rent relief program has disbursed funds to every family in need.

Thousands of New Yorkers are still contracting COVID-19 each day and despite vaccination efforts, the positivity rate remains stubbornly high. New variants of the virus also pose risks for New Yorkers, and it is truly not the time to prematurely relax this critical protection.

We call on Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie to act on this issue now. No New Yorker should have to face eviction or homelessness during an ongoing, once in a lifetime pandemic.”

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