Statement on Legislation to Extend New York State’s Residential Eviction Moratorium

(NEW YORK, NY) – Judith Goldiner, Attorney-In-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society, issued the following statement tonight in response to the New York State Legislature introducing legislation (A07175/S06362) to extend the statewide residential eviction moratorium, which is set to expire on April 30, 2021:

“Acknowledging the reality that New York is still very much mired in a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic, and answering the calls from struggling families throughout the state, the Legislature has introduced a bill that will prevent the residential eviction moratorium, a literal lifeline for millions of New Yorkers, from expiring late next week. Both the Senate and Assembly should pass this bill immediately, and Governor Cuomo should sign it into law just as fast.

“The Legal Aid Society applauds the Legislature - especially Senator Brian Kavanagh and Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz - for introducing legislation to ensure that this critical safeguard remain intact.

“Lastly, however, the pandemic has proven to be unpredictable, and we must be ready to extend the protections afforded in this bill if the virus still poses a significant risk to public health and safety come August.”

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