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## ***Legal Aid Statement on Dismissal of Landlord Lawsuit Attempting to End the Eviction Moratorium in New York***

(New York, NY) – The Legal Aid Society issued the following statement today in response to the dismissal of *Chrysafis et al v. James*, a lawsuit filed by landlords seeking to end the eviction moratorium in New York State:

“Today’s decision signals an epic failure for these landlords and their futile attempt to end the eviction moratorium during one of the worst public health crises. We are very pleased to see the dismissal of this cruel and shameless lawsuit and welcome this victory for all New Yorkers still struggling and suffering financial hardships brought on by the pandemic.

Instead of spending exorbitant amounts of money in court to try to kick tenants out of their homes, these plaintiffs, purportedly struggling landlords, should focus on obtaining available rent relief funds through the State’s new program to recuperate lost rent and concentrate on eviction prevention. Moreover, COVID-19 is not over and we must continue to protect vulnerable families facing homelessness by extending the eviction moratorium.”

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