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Statement on Statewide Residential Eviction Moratorium Legislation

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

“Keeping their promise, Albany lawmakers passed common-sense legislation today to extend New York’s residential eviction moratorium for a crucial four additional months, providing a lifeline that millions of families from Brooklyn to Buffalo and Rochester to Rensselaer have relied on since last year. Governor Cuomo should sign this bill into law without delay.

All stakeholders - elected officials, civil legal services organizations, housing advocacy groups and others - now have a shared duty to ensure that all New Yorkers are informed of the extension and the process to qualify for relief. The Legal Aid Society is prepared to do our part, and we call on others to join us on this cause.

Finally, as we have maintained since last year, if New York finds that it is still mired in a pandemic come August, we expect that lawmakers will follow this same logic and extend the moratorium once again to avoid what would likely amount to a tidal wave of evictions and homelessness.”

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