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Legal Aid Statement on Rent Guidelines Board's Preliminary Vote

(New York, NY) - Adriene Holder, Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Practice at The Legal Aid Society and former tenant member of the New York City Rent Guidelines Board, released the following statement in response to tonight's Rent Guidelines Board preliminary vote on lease adjustments for rent stabilized apartments, lofts and hotels:

“Our clients in rent regulated units are still reeling from the economic devastation that COVID-19 has caused, and will be for the foreseeable future. Many New Yorkers are unemployed or underemployed, while others are struggling to catch up on past rent owed.

The Rent Guidelines Board must ensure that the final vote in June continues to freeze rents for both one-year and two-year leases. This is not the moment to raise rents, especially on some of New York City's most vulnerable tenants.”

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