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Legal Aid Praises City Council’s Extension of Title 8 Protections to Domestic Workers, Calls on Mayor de Blasio to Enact Immediately

(NEW YORK, NY) – **The Legal Aid Society** praised the City Council’s passage of 339-B, a local law that would extend Title 8 discrimination protections to domestic workers, and commended Councilmember Deborah L. Rose for her leadership in sponsoring the bill. Legal Aid now calls on Mayor Bill de Blasio to sign the bill into law immediately.

“The exclusion of domestic workers from worker-protection laws across this country has its origins in this country’s shameful history of slavery. While New York’s 2010 passage of the Domestic Workers’ Bill of Rights began to address some of the systemic racism faced by domestic workers, the City Council’s law finally closes the gaps in the law. This law will ensure that domestic workers finally have the same protections as workers in other industries. This legislation will make it so that domestic workers finally have the right to be protected against all forms of employment discrimination - the same as workers of other industries,” said **Carmela Huang an attorney with the Employment Law Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “Every New Yorker should have the right to work in an environment free of discrimination. We call on the Mayor to enact this critical bill.”

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