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Legal Aid Statement on Supreme Court Blocking a Portion of New York's Eviction Moratorium

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in response to the Supreme Court's [ruling](#) which blocks part of New York State's existing eviction moratorium. The order specifically strikes down the part of the law which protects tenants who have filed a declaration of hardship.

"We call on the NYS legislature to return to work and amend the law to allow a hearing on the tenant declaration of hardship. We further call to extend the eviction moratorium until the state gives out all of the \$2.3 billion in rent relief money. Since tenants in New York State have suffered immensely during COVID-19, they will have no trouble proving hardship and satisfying the supreme courts' mandate. The state legislature can make this minor fix and prevent thousands of New York residents from losing their homes."

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