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Legal Aid Lauds Governor Hochul for Signing Into Law the Fair Consumer Judgment Interest Act

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society issued the following statement in response to Governor Kathy Hochul signing into law the Fair Consumer Judgment Interest Act (S5724A/A6474A):

“The Legal Aid Society lauds Governor Kathy Hochul for enacting into law this important legislation, which will reduce the financial hardship experienced by many New Yorkers who were forced to take on debt due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of now, because of this bill, individuals with judgments for rent and utility arrears, uncovered health care costs, credit card debt, car loans, student loans and unpaid tuition will have a fair chance to get their lives back on track, unsaddled by financially crippling debts. We look forward to working with Albany lawmakers on other consumer-related measures that serve our clients and their communities.”

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