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Legal Aid Statement on Mayor Adams’ Housing Announcement

Legal Aid Echoes Mayor’s Call for Additional Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) Funds from Biden Admin

Attorneys Call on Albany to Enact Good Cause Legislation to Prevent Widespread Evictions

(NEW YORK, NY) – Adriene Holder, Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Practice at The Legal Aid Society, today issued the following statement in response to New York City Mayor Eric Adams’ housing announcement:

“We echo the Mayor’s call on the Biden Administration to allocate unused Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) funds from other states to New York, where hundreds of thousands of tenants are still in need of assistance.

Moreover, with the statewide eviction moratorium ending this Saturday, New York must enact meaningful, long-term solutions to stop the tidal wave of evictions that will likely commence, such as Good Cause Eviction and Housing Access Voucher Program (HAVP).
These bills would respectively safeguard millions of renters who face eviction by codifying key tenant protections and ensure that homeless families have access to stable and affordable housing.

Housing stability is the foundation for economic security, access to education and employment, homelessness prevention, and public safety.

Our communities are stronger when New Yorkers remain safely housed, and Albany must enact these fundamental measures immediately.”

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