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As Statewide Eviction Moratorium Expires, Legal Aid Calls on Albany to Enact Long-Term Solutions to New York’s Growing Housing Crisis, Including Good Cause Legislation

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society, in response to the expiration of New York’s statewide eviction moratorium, called on Albany lawmakers to enact long-term solutions to protect tenants including Good Cause (S3082/A5573), legislation that would provide critical protections for millions of renters in unregulated units.

Judith Goldiner, Attorney-in-Charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society, stated: “Now more than ever, New York must enact meaningful, long-term measures to address the growing housing crisis and to stop the tidal wave of evictions that will likely begin now that the moratorium has expired.

Across the state, millions of tenants in unregulated housing are still reeling from economic hardships caused by the pandemic, and they deserve basic, common-sense protections from unjust evictions. Amid the ongoing pandemic, this budget-neutral legislation will keep families in their homes, prevent homelessness, and slow the spread of the virus.

Albany lawmakers must act now and pass Good Cause to protect countless vulnerable tenants at risk of losing their homes.”
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