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Legal Aid Statement on NYS Court Decision Striking Down “Good Cause” Eviction Protection in Albany

Court Ruling Underscores Urgent Need for Albany to Enact Good Cause Statewide

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** issued the following statement today condemning a [ruling](#) in *Deborah Pusatere et. al. v. The City of Albany et. al.*, which strikes down the City of Albany’s “Good Cause” eviction law, eliminating critical protections for tenants in unregulated housing against exorbitant rent increases and arbitrary evictions:

“As rents continue to skyrocket to historic levels, and as more and more New Yorkers find themselves pushed from their homes and communities as a result, it’s unconscionable that a court would strike down such a critical protection serving tens of thousands of tenants.

That said, we never maintained that a ‘Good Cause’ patchwork system that varies by jurisdiction was ideal, and given the perilous situation facing so many tenants throughout New York, Albany lawmakers must immediately codify ‘Good Cause’ statewide.

‘Good Cause’ is budget-neutral and supported by a wide-ranging coalition of tenants, housing advocates, unions, small landlords, and the majority of New Yorkers, and this bill must be ushered into law at once.”

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