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## *As NYC Executed Evictions Continue to Grow, Legal Aid Calls on Albany to Immediately Enact “Good Cause” Legislation*

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society, in response to City [data](#) on [local executed evictions](#), called for a special legislative session for Albany lawmakers to enact “[Good Cause](#)”, critical legislation that would equip millions of tenants in unregulated units with basic protections against extortionate rent increases and unjust evictions.

According to the data, executed evictions have increased month-by-month since January 2022 to June 2022:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Executed Evictions</u>
January 2022	104
February 2022	145
March 2022	213
April 2022	234
May 2022	302
June 2022	315

While it is unclear which of these evictions are related to non-payment or a holdover, which is an eviction proceeding unrelated to non-payment, it is safe to conclude that at least some of these tenants would have benefited if “Good Cause” were codified statewide, given the depth and breadth of the legislation.

“New York’s eviction machine is ramping up, and tenants in unregulated units are still deprived of rudimentary protections to defend against rent hikes and unwarranted evictions,” said **Judith Goldiner, attorney-in-charge of the Civil Law Reform Unit at The Legal Aid Society**. “This is indeed a crisis, especially with rent amounts reaching unprecedented levels, and we call on Albany to immediately convene a special session to codify ‘Good Cause’ once and for all.”

Support for “Good Cause”, which is budget-neutral, continues to grow statewide, with [polls](#) frequently revealing that the majority of New Yorkers agree with this legislation. Moreover, earlier this year, [leading statewide unions](#), including 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, District Council 37 and others reaffirmed their support of “Good Cause”.

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