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In Response to Rising Rents, Legal Aid Calls on Albany to Convene a Special Session to Enact “Good Cause” Legislation

(NEW YORK, NY) – The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in response to [unprecedented rising rents](#) that continue to plague local tenants:

“We are now seeing firsthand what happens when landlords have carte blanche over rent pricing: tenants are forced from their homes and communities are overhauled to the detriment of poor and working class families. Households are pushed further away from their employers, school, critical services, and in too many instances, into local shelters. The impact of this is wide-ranging, and it affects us all.

Unfortunately, like many, we see no end in sight unless the Legislature acts immediately, and we’re calling on Albany to convene a special session to pass ‘Good Cause’ legislation. Albany failed our clients and so many other New Yorkers last session by refusing to enact meaningful tenant protections, and this continued inaction is simply a gross dereliction of duty for New York State legislators, elected to serve their constituents.”

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