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***Joint Statement from Legal Aid, Coalition for the Homeless on New York City's  
Right to Shelter Obligations and the Adams Administration's Mutual Aid  
Application to New York State***

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society and Coalition for the Homeless** issued the following statement on New York City's Right to Shelter obligations and Mayor Eric Adams' mutual aid application to New York State:

"While we appreciate that these are difficult times for the Adams Administration, the City is legally mandated to provide anyone in need of shelter a bed, as prescribed by statute and multiple court orders. Regardless of the circumstances, these are obligations that no mayor can shirk.

"That said, Washington and Albany have so far provided only minimal financial assistance for the City to meet this moment, and all levels of government must do their part to ensure that legal obligations are met and all people in need, including asylum seekers, are provided access to safe, decent, and accessible shelter."

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