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Joint Statement on the City's Lawsuit Against 30 Counties for Refusing to House Asylum Seekers in Need of Shelter

(NEW YORK, NY) – **The Legal Aid Society and Coalition for the Homeless** released the following joint statement in response to the City's lawsuit against 30 counties for refusing to house asylum seekers in need of shelter:

“Every single human being in the United States has a right to travel within the country, including to the 30 counties that have so far refused to welcome asylum seekers from the southern border.

“Upstate elected officials must cease with the xenophobic and racist rhetoric, and frivolous legal strategies to thwart efforts to relocate new arrivals outside of New York City, and instead exhibit some semblance of leadership to assist with this humanitarian crisis.

“Governor Kathy Hochul must also employ her executive powers and authority, along with galvanizing the State's resources, to ensure that this comes to fruition.”

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