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## ***Legal Aid Condemns Governor Hochul, Legislature for Failure to Enact “Good Cause”, HAVP or any Other Significant Policy to Address New York’s Unprecedented Housing Crisis***

(NEW YORK, NY) — **The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement condemning Governor Hochul and the Legislature for failing to advance “[Good Cause](#)” eviction legislation, the [Housing Access Voucher Program](#) (HAVP) or any other significant policy this year to address New York’s unprecedented housing crisis:

“Instead of acting on the most pressing public emergency impacting millions of New Yorkers across our state, Governor Hochul and the Legislature failed to advance any significant policy in the budget or subsequent session to address New York’s unprecedented housing crisis. Tenants will have to pay the price for this inaction.

“This a colossal failure of leadership, and once session concludes, lawmakers deserve the shaming that they’ll inevitably receive from their constituents for failing to do their jobs. In no other employment context would this dereliction of duty be tolerated.

“Governor Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Heastie, along with legislators, must convene an extraordinary session immediately and return to Albany to deliver on the comprehensive housing package that our clients and so many other New Yorkers need and rightfully deserve.”

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