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***Legal Aid Statement on U.S. Supreme Court's Decision to Uphold Ban on Homeless Residents Sleeping Outside***

(NEW YORK, NY) - **The Legal Aid Society** issued the following statement in response to the United States Supreme Court's [decision](#) upholding an Oregon city's laws which criminalizes homeless individuals for sleeping in public spaces:

"We condemn the Supreme Court's decision today, which criminalizes homelessness and furthers the plight of human beings who have no safe place to call home.

"Thankfully, New York City's Right to Shelter law protects our most vulnerable neighbors from this threat, and that's why we have fought so hard over the last four decades to defend it.

"We will continue to vigorously fight to ensure that all New Yorkers are safe from the elements and have access to safe and accessible spaces every night."

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