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***Legal Aid Statement on NYC Rent Guidelines Board's Vote to Increase Rents on Low-Income New Yorkers***

**(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society** released the following statement condemning the Rent Guidelines Board for voting to increase rents for residents of stabilized apartments, lofts and hotels:

“We strongly condemn the Board’s vote tonight to increase rents for the more than two million working-class New Yorkers living in rent-stabilized units.

“Tenants across New York City are already facing an unprecedented affordability crisis, and this increase – coupled with the looming cuts to federal housing programs – will have catastrophic consequences for thousands of individuals and families.

“Tonight’s vote underscores once again that the Board will not meet its stated objective to meaningfully consider whether a rent increase is both necessary for landlords and feasible for tenants. According to the Board’s own reports, tenants are [struggling](#) to keep up with rising costs while landlords continue to reap enormous [profits](#).

“This increase betrays the stated purpose of the Board and will undoubtedly lead to increased rates of homelessness, eviction, and displacement among low-income New Yorkers.”

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