

January 27, 2026

Contact:

Press@legal-aid.org

*****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*****

Legal Aid Statement on Pinnacle Tenants Being Left Without Heat and Facing Dangerous Conditions Amid Severe Cold Front After Summit Sale Approval

(NEW YORK, NY) — The Legal Aid Society issued the following statement after receiving urgent reports that tenants in buildings recently approved for sale from Pinnacle Group to Summit Gold Inc. have been left without heat amid a severe cold front and are experiencing dangerous maintenance conditions inside their homes:

“Following the recent court approval of the sale of multiple Pinnacle Group buildings to Summit, tenants in over fifty-five apartments in four buildings at 639-645 West 207th Street in Manhattan are already facing dangerous and unacceptable conditions — including a lack of heat during a severe cold front and chunks of ceiling plaster falling into stairwells. It is wholly unacceptable that just days after the court confirmed this sale, both the seller and buyer appear to be shirking responsibility for basic building maintenance.

“The fact that Pinnacle has stepped back from management while Summit has not yet assumed control does not excuse these conditions. Landlords are legally required to provide heat and maintain safe buildings — period. Tenants cannot be forced to live in freezing, hazardous homes while corporate owners sort out paperwork. Repairs must happen immediately, not at some unknown date after closing. Tenants’ health and safety cannot be put on hold.”

###

The Legal Aid Society is a nonprofit law firm that exists for one simple yet powerful reason: to ensure that New Yorkers are not denied their right to equal justice because of poverty. For 150 years, we have protected, defended, and advocated for those who have struggled in silence for far too long. Every day, in every borough, The Legal Aid Society changes the lives of the people we serve and helps improve our communities.

www.legalaidnyc.org