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Legal Aid Statement on the Senate and Assembly One-House Budget Bills

(NEW YORK, NY) — The Legal Aid Society released the following statement on the Senate and Assembly one-house budget bills:

“We laud the Senate and Assembly for including a myriad of measures in their respective one-house budgets that prioritize the needs of low-income New Yorkers, the people and communities served by The Legal Aid Society.

“This includes language that preserves the Interest on Lawyer Account Fund to help ensure that low-income New Yorkers have access to critical legal services; increased funding for the Housing Access Voucher Program to combat the housing insecurity crisis; resources for youth services to help implement New York’s widely successful Raise the Age law; as well as allocations for eviction prevention and public defense.

“In the weeks ahead, as the budget is finalized, Legal Aid will continue working with the Legislature and the Hochul Administration to ensure these essential measures are part of the final budget adopted early next month.”

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