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## ***Statement on New York's Fiscal Year 2027 Executive Budget***

(ALBANY, NY) - The Legal Aid Society released the following statement on New York State's Fiscal Year 2027 Executive Budget:

“We welcome the inclusion of funding in the budget that preserves the New York State Interest on Lawyer Account Fund to ensure that low-income New Yorkers have access to critical legal services, as well as funding for public defense. The Legal Aid Society also commends lawmakers for including important protections for immigrant communities in this year's budget that, while falling short of the New York for All Act, will help safeguard vulnerable New Yorkers from harmful entanglement with federal immigration enforcement. We further applaud lawmakers for rejecting misguided attempts to roll back New York's Raise the Age law and weaken this critical and successful reform.

“However, despite the sunset of the federal Emergency Housing Voucher program, Governor Kathy Hochul refused to work with the Legislature to fund the Housing Access Voucher Program in the FY27 budget. As a result, 5,218 New York City households are now at risk of losing their homes and communities, placing thousands of low-income New Yorkers at risk of housing instability and displacement at a time when the city continues to face an ongoing affordability and homelessness crisis.

“Until the Legislature adjourns for the year next month, The Legal Aid Society looks forward to continuing to work with lawmakers to advance policies and investments that further the well-being, stability, and safety of the people and communities we serve.”

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