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Statement on Mayor Mamdani's "Rental Ripoff Report"

(NEW YORK, NY) — The Legal Aid Society released the following statement today on Mayor Mamdani's "[Rental Ripoff Report](#)":

"For decades, New York City's low-income renters have borne the brunt of a broken housing enforcement system. Landlords have weaponized unannounced 'ghost' inspections, falsely certified that dangerous conditions have been repaired, and buried tenants under illegal, predatory junk fees. We applaud the Mamdani Administration, tenants, and advocates who worked to bring these systemic abuses to light in this comprehensive, long-overdue report

"The testimony of over 2,400 New Yorkers confirms what our attorneys see in Housing Court every single day: tenants — particularly immigrant families and communities of color — face staggering retaliation and uninhabitable conditions while landlords operate with near-total impunity.

"The Mamdani Administration's commitments to overhaul the City's inspection scheduling system, crack down on fraudulent self-certifications, and proactively target buildings with histories of heat and hot water neglect are critical steps forward. We look forward to collaborating with the City to turn these recommendations into meaningful, lasting protections for tenants across New York City."

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