



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Andrea Stewart-Cousins

## Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins Encourages Residents to Use Tenants' Rights Forum as Additional Resource to Learn About Emergency Rental Assistance Program

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(Yonkers, NY) – The Emergency Rental Assistance Program opened today, and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins encourages residents to watch an informative discussion that she and Legal Services of the Hudson Valley held on the program last week.

The Majority Leader's Tenants' Rights Forum is available to residents to view on Facebook and breaks down the complexities of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins allocated \$2.4 billion in funding to the program through this year's State budget. The program prioritizes low-income residents who have faced financial hardship due to the pandemic or housing instability and can offer up to 12 months of rent and utility debt assistance accrued on or after March 13, 2020. The program also can provide an additional three months of future rental assistance to households who dedicate 30 percent or more of their monthly income toward rent.

The forum was led by attorneys at Legal Services of the Hudson Valley who also discussed the Eviction Moratorium, and how residents can qualify. The slide show presentation used during the forum is also available to residents to review here: <https://bit.ly/3ccc5ht>.

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#### RELATED LEGISLATION

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### **2021-S6362A**

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- Introduced
  - - In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate

- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Extends the "COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020" and the "COVID-19 Emergency Protect Our Small Businesses Act of 2021" until August 31, 2021

April 23, 2021

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by **Brian Kavanagh**

Do you support this bill?