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## Statement By Senator Brad Hoylman, Lead Amicus Appellant, On Yesterday's Court Decision Protecting Rent-Stabilization Rights

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*Hoylman: This ruling will help maintain the integrity of our state's long-standing tenant protection laws by making clear that New Yorkers cannot be forced from their homes as a result of filing for bankruptcy.*

NEW YORK – Yesterday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit ruled that New York tenants who file for bankruptcy will no longer face the threat of losing their rent-stabilization rights. State Senator Brad Hoylman (D-Manhattan) – **the lead Senate amicus appellant** in a related, recently-decided case by the State Court of Appeals – released the following statement in response:

“Rent-stabilized tenants across New York City can once again breathe a sigh of relief. The decisions by these two courts will help maintain the integrity of our state's long-standing tenant protection laws by making clear that New Yorkers cannot be forced from their homes as a result of filing for bankruptcy. I'm proud that the tenant at the center of this case, my constituent Mary Veronica Santiago-Monteverde, has fought to secure not only her own home, but the homes of any future rent-regulated tenant that must file for bankruptcy. I was honored to take the lead on an amicus brief to support Ms. Santiago-Monteverde and am grateful to Latham & Watkins for their pro bono support of this important case.”

See the Senator's amicus brief here: <http://www.nysenate.gov/files/pdfs/Amicus%20Brief.pdf>

See the Senator's past statement on the case here: <http://www.nysenate.gov/press-release/state-senator-brad-hoyleman-and-assemblymember-linda-b-rosenthal-file-amicus-curiae-bri>

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