



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## SENATOR BIAGGI ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE PASSAGE OF THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY EVICTION AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION ACT

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**ALBANY, NY** – Today, December 28th, 2020, the New York State Senate passed the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act.

**State Senator Alessandra Biaggi (D-Bronx/Westchester) issued the following statement:**

“For the last ten months, tenants and homeowners across New York State have been in the fight of their lives. In the wake of a devastating public health crisis, we have watched thousands of New Yorkers organize and put their bodies on the line to prevent their families and neighbors from losing their homes.

While it should not have taken us this long to heed their calls, I am relieved that we are finally taking a significant step to protect families from eviction and foreclosure amid the ongoing battle against COVID-19.

Although the passage of the COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act is momentous, it is not the finish line. Housing security has always been a matter of public health – and during a global health crisis it is a matter of life or death. If we are serious about keeping our communities safe, then we must commit to a multi-pronged approach that can

help struggling tenants, homeowners, and small landlords long-term.

Today's victory was only made possible by the tenacity and courage of tenants, housing advocates, and working families. I will continue to stand firmly with these New Yorkers in the fight for comprehensive housing relief and justice for all."

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