

Senator Helming and Senate Republicans Hold Second Roundtable with Housing Stakeholders to Prepare for End of Eviction Moratorium

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Senator Pam Helming and members of the Senate Republican Conference today held a second roundtable with stakeholders in the housing community to prepare for the number of housing cases in the court system when the state's eviction moratorium expires on August 31, 2021. The first roundtable was held June 29.

Senator Helming, ranking member of the Housing, Construction and Community

Development Committee, led the session with Senator Phil Boyle, ranking member of the

Judiciary Committee. Discussions today were centered on priorities in Upstate New York as
housing courts reopen. Local participants included Deb Hall, administrator of the Finger

Lakes Landlords Association.

"This second roundtable continues our commitment to keeping a focus on the needs of small landlords and tenants, with particular attention today on Upstate New York. We must work together to do better for small landlords and tenants. Thank you to all those who provided their input and expertise, including Deb Hall of the Finger Lakes Landlords Association," said Senator Helming.

For months, Senator Helming has been a vocal advocate for the release of tenant and landlord relief funds. She also helped introduce legislation (S.6597) that would exempt property owners with 10 or fewer residential units from the state's eviction moratorium.

The state rent relief application process opened on June 1, making New York one of the last states in the country to act. The state has not yet distributed any funds.

Housing courts in New York have been almost completely closed for over a year.