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THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

July 14, 2021

Hon. Carl E. Heastie
Speaker, New York State Assembly
Legislative Office Building, 932
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Three weeks ago, Gov. Andrew Cuomo rescinded the executive orders declaring a state of emergency in New York State. COVID-19 infection rates have diminished greatly, while vaccination rates are rising each day. Simply stated, emergency rules put in place, like the state's ill-conceived moratorium on evictions, are no longer necessary. In fact, the economic damage being done from this moratorium remaining in place far exceeds any public policy benefits that the moratorium might afford.

Temporarily halting evictions made sense in the early days of the pandemic, but New York State's current guidance with respect to this issue is outdated. At present, New York's eviction moratorium is set to run to the end of August, a full month after the federal government's order is set to expire. Why does the state proclaim to follow federal guidance in so many other areas, but ignore it with respect to the rights of landlords?

Small landlords have already experienced more than a year of devastating hardship. To leave this moratorium in place until September is economically cruel and, in truth, likely to be more harmful to renters over the long term. The growing shortage in housing will only be exacerbated as more landlords are forced to raise rent, lose their property, or simply decide renting in New York State is not a worthwhile endeavor.

Thankfully, the economy is beginning to normalize and more people are getting back to work. Now is the time for individuals to once again meet the terms they have agreed to as tenants. I am writing to ask you to call a special session in order to remedy this problem and bring New York's policy in line with the federal government. Small landlords across New York are hurting badly, and it is incumbent upon the Legislature to give them the same economic rights and protections everyone else in New York is entitled to.

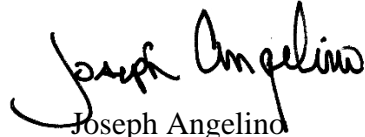
Sincerely,

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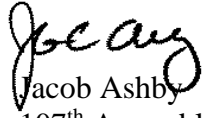
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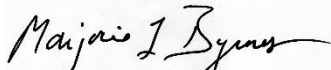
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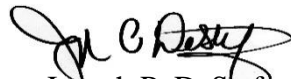
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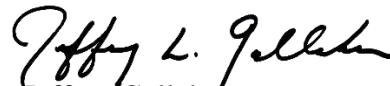
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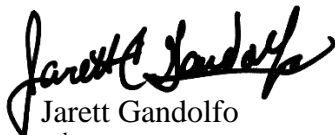
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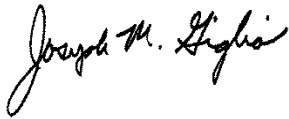
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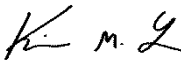
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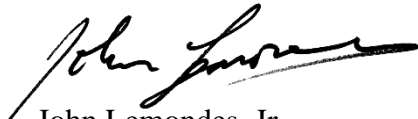
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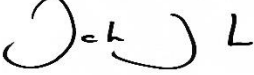
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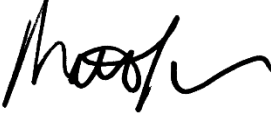

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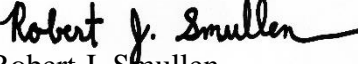

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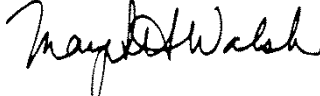

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