



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Michael Gianaris

Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris Statement On Rent Strike Campaign

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NEW YORK – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris issued the following statement as tenant groups throughout the state called for a rent strike in May:

“It has been clear for weeks now that rents cannot be paid with money that doesn’t exist and therefore, rent will be cancelled whether or not we authorize it by law. I urge Governor Cuomo to implement an executive order to cancel rent obligations and bring stability to the

housing market before it devolves into a full blown crisis.”

Senator Gianaris has led nationally-recognized efforts to cancel rents. Most recently, he called on Governor Cuomo to cancel rent by executive order. He wrote an [op-ed](#) in the Data for Progress blog and has made national media appearances. Efforts to suspend and forgive rent have also [been endorsed](#) by former Vice President Joe Biden and Senator Bernie Sanders, among others.

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Relates to suspending rent payments for certain residential tenants and small business commercial tenants and certain mortgage payments for ninety days in response to the outbreak of covid-19

March 23, 2020

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