



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement from Senator Patty Ritchie

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Every day, my office hears from small-property owners who are suffering due to the state's eviction moratorium and stalled rent relief rollout. In many instances, those who reach out for help depend solely on rental income to pay their bills and put food on the table. Today, these property owners suffered another blow, thanks to the Democrats' extension of the eviction moratorium until January 15<sup>th</sup> of next year.

Instead of yet another extension of the eviction moratorium, Democrats should instead be laser focused on distributing billions in critical rent relief to tenants and property owners via the Emergency Rental Assistance Program. For months now, my colleagues and I have been

calling for an expedited release of these funds. This relief is long overdue, and we need to ensure it gets to struggling tenants and property owners as soon as possible.