

Harlem Tenants call for daily protest against Cuomo until Rent Regulations are renewed -- A Direct Action Campaign initiated by Harlem Tenants

**TO ALL RENT-STABILIZED TENANTS:
DAILY PROTEST
IN FRONT OF GOVERNOR CUOMO'S OFFICE
UNTIL JUNE 15**

Third Avenue (Between 40th & 41st Streets)

10 AM – 2 PM and 4 PM – 7 PM

(Every Day Except Weekends)

The Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA) and the Emergency Housing Rent Control Law of 1946 are set to expire on June 15, 2011 unless renewed by the New York State Legislature and signed by Governor Andrew Cuomo. Failure to renew the Rent Stabilization Laws will place millions of poor, working class and moderate income New Yorkers at immediate risk of losing their homes. SCRIE and DRIE, subsidies for low income seniors and the handicapped, will end. Failure to pass, strengthen and expand the existing laws will exacerbate an already existing housing crisis since rent regulation covers three essential areas: (1) it limits the rate of rent increases; (2) it limits the method, manner and grounds for evictions; and (3) it requires services to be maintained. Approximately 2.5 million New Yorkers depend on the protection of rent stabilization to protect their homes.

Renewal is not enough. The existing Rent Regulation laws have to be renewed, strengthened and expanded to cover the end of vacancy decontrol. Many landlords deregulate vacant apartments without spending the necessary funds to reach the \$2000 decontrol threshold, thereby achieving de facto decontrol; Extending rent-stabilization protections to former Mitchell-Lama and project-based Section 8 buildings.

Governor Cuomo says he wants an extension of some rent regulations but will support only a bill that will pass the Assembly and the Senate. However, according to the Wall Street Journal New York State's powerful real estate lobby has given millions in campaign contributions to Governor Cuomo and State Senate Republicans who control the Senate. WE MUST KEEP THE PRESSURE ON CUOMO UP TO JUNE 15TH. JOIN US IN OUR DAILY PROTESTS IN FRONT OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE. LET HIM KNOW HIS POLITICAL FUTURE RESTS IN THE HANDS OF TENANTS NOT THE REAL ESTATE LOBBY.

Sponsored by The Gang of Six from Central Harlem (Delano Village Tenants Association, the Riverton Tenants Association and Lennox Terrace Tenants Association). For additional information contact Valerie Orridge (President of Delano Village TA) at 212-368-5249 or email vorriddle.delanotenants@gmail.com