SUPPORT TENANTS’ RIGHTS
IN THE STATE BUDGET!

The Right to Counsel Coalition is fighting for **Statewide Right to Counsel legislation** in the state budget this year! This important legislation would guarantee tenants across New York State the right to a lawyer when facing an eviction – ALL tenants, ALL cases, in every part of New York. We also want a **strong, statewide Good Cause Eviction** and **NO ROLLBACKS to our rights!** Call your electeds and New York State leadership TODAY to urge them to protect tenants in their year’s budget!

**How can I contact my state legislators?**

**USE OUR AUTOMATED PHONE/EMAIL TOOL...**

**Step 1:** Go to [bit.ly/CallYourNYSLegislator](http://bit.ly/CallYourNYSLegislator) on your phone, laptop, or other device.

**Step 2:** Enter your name, address, zip code, and phone number.

**Step 3:** Click "Call Officials", review the call script (included below), and follow the steps on the page. Don’t hang up between calls - you’ll be directed to call multiple state legislators and then, with the click of a button, email them.

**OR CALL LEADERSHIP DIRECTLY:**

**Governor Kathy Hochul**
518-474-8390

**Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins**
518-455-2585

**Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie**
518-455-5459

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**Call Script**

*Hi, my name is [Name] and I am a New York State resident.*

*I am calling to urge your office to support the passage of Statewide Right to Counsel legislation (S2721-May) and funding of $260 million in the fiscal year 2025 budget, for tenants facing eviction. The version of Right to Counsel that was included in the Senate and Assembly One House resolutions this year does not actually guarantee any protection for tenants. Tenants need to see some key changes to this bill: we need mandated adjournments until a tenant has accessed their attorney, to ensure that RTC is actually enforceable. And we need the bill to apply—and apply immediately—to NYC and Westchester tenants who are eligible for local RTC laws.*

*We also urge your office to support a statewide, strong Good Cause Eviction law. RTC will give tenants the representation they need to raise the Good Cause defense, and Good Cause will prevent tens of thousands of evictions each year!*

*Finally, NYS tenants do not want to see ANY rollbacks of our rights this year. Our communities are still recovering from the pandemics and suffering from skyrocketing rents. We need to be protected, not left more vulnerable. Will your office stand with us?*

For more materials and resources, go to [www.righttocounselnyc.org/statewidertc](http://www.righttocounselnyc.org/statewidertc).