

JAIME'S ABCDE NEWSLETTER – 5/6/2020

- A) Today we went over our overall strategy that we will be putting together a letter to the Senate Housing Committee by Friday addressing the current bills that are pending for consideration for relief for tenants and landlords. We are in need of some data in order to address certain concerns. All of what we discussed today are just ideas and ways to limit the judicial system from having the ultimate discretion over who an affected COVID tenant is.
- B) The 6 proposed bills being considered are:
- S.8139 Gianaris <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s8139>
 - S.8140A Kavanaugh <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s8140>
 - S.8190A Salazar <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s8190>
 - S.8115 Holyman <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s8115>
 - S.8125 Gianaris <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s8125>
 - S.8192 Holyman <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s8192>
- C) We also circulated all the reasons why The Rent and Mortgage Cancellation Act of 2020 <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6515>, is the worst bill we have seen presented to date. Remember there is a call to action against this bill from NAA.
- D) It was also brought to my attention that the WBASNY voted on an amicus brief as it pertains to a landlord's duty to take "reasonable steps" to eliminate domestic violence amongst tenants. This brief is being circulated to the Second Circuit. I will be raising this issue with groups across the state to see what if any litigation will be taken to oppose this.
- E) I started to talk about the reopening process as it relates to recreational facilities and maintenance
- Pools: consideration should be given to opening pools, waivers of liability, use at your own risk.
 - Considerations for reservations, reduced capacity, furniture removal. Considerations for gyms, playgrounds, pools to be opened in accordance with the governor directive that these can open for towns and counties.
 - How will the social distancing be enforced? How will sign up and capacity be enforced?
 - We also spoke about waiting until the governor executive order that maintenance non-essential services can resume to take nonemergency calls. Start thinking about how you will process this backlog and have you been making a list for order of calls.
- F) TOMORROW BACK ON ZOOM! SEE YOU THEN

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