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In 2017, the Right to Counsel NYC Coalition won a campaign to guarantee low-income tenants the right to a lawyer when facing an eviction in housing court. The law is currently being implemented in 25 NYC zip codes, and will be fully phased-in by 2022.

Our current campaign is calling for the passage of two bills to expand the Right to Counsel (RTC): Intro 1104 and Intro 1529.

Here are key facts that show how the law has been a huge success in decreasing evictions and should be expanded:

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**WE MUST PASS INTRO 1104 TO DOUBLE RTC’S INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVEL FROM 200% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL TO 400%!**

- 31% of tenants in housing court make above the RTC’s income eligibility level of 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). That is less than $24,980 for a single adult or less than $51,500 for a family of four.

- Currently, a single New Yorker working full-time and making the $15 minimum wage is not eligible for RTC.

- More than 1/3 of tenants with incomes between 200%-400% of the FPL experience housing hardships that indicate they are at-risk of eviction.

**WE MUST PASS INTRO 1529 TO SUPPORT AND FUND ORGANIZING SO MORE TENANTS KNOW ABOUT THEIR RIGHT TO COUNSEL!**

- A survey done by volunteers at Bronx Housing Court found that 53% of tenants who had RTC did not know about this right before arriving in court.

- 77% of these tenants said they needed repairs and 38% said they faced landlord harassment. 63% said they would like to be involved with a tenant organizing group, yet 88% were not part of a group.

- On average each year, 1 organizer distributes information to 2,000 people, conducts outreach to 50 buildings, stops harassment in more than 125 households, and helps 100 families get repairs.

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