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92% of tenants

facing eviction in Massachusetts do not have access to legal counsel or representation

40,000 evictions

annual average filed over the past **10 years** in Massachusetts

#### Each of these cases represents an individual or family!



#### The trauma of eviction is devastating.

Losing a home uproots neighborhoods and can send families into shelters and onto the streets. Research consistently shows that eviction related housing instability and homelessness are associated with chronic disease, increased hospitalization, and poorer mental health.

Source: Center for American Progress, A Right to Counsel Is a Right to a Fighting Chance, 2019

### Legal representation makes a difference!

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## Legal representation in eviction cases is making a difference in New York City!

Since NYC passed Right to Counsel legislation in 2017:

84% of tenants

with full legal representation have remained in their homes

# 5x faster drop

in eviction filings in areas where representation was provided than other areas of NYC

Source: New York City, Universal Access to Legal Services, 2018

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