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## **THE FORECLOSED HOMEOWNERS OF MASSACHUSETTS NEED YOUR HELP!**

**About 75,000 Massachusetts foreclosed homeowners must take action in 2016 to protect their rights to overturn illegal foreclosure.**

**The Massachusetts Alliance Against Predatory Lending (MAAPL) and the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG), a member organization, are looking for volunteers to help us reverse illegal foreclosures and get restitution for homeowners who have had their homes taken away unlawfully.**

Tens of thousands of people have lost their homes as a result of illegal home foreclosures by large national banks. Their predatory lending practices mainly targeted single mothers, working poor, and communities of color and caused the 2008 housing market crash. The current rate of foreclosures in Massachusetts is double what it was a year ago. These foreclosures are destroying lives and causing their victims to suffer extreme emotional stress and even homelessness.

We have a new project in which law students will work with affected families to fight eviction and homelessness. Students will meet with victims of illegal foreclosure practices and help them learn how to read and prepare legal documents in order to reclaim their homes.

**We have a deadline of December 31, 2016** to help these families.

### **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

- **Inform foreclosed homeowners about their rights**
- **Prepare an in-take form to find violations of their rights by foreclosing banks**
- **Teach them how to read mortgage/foreclosure documents**
- **Prepare affidavits to help them fight to regain their homes**

**For more information about volunteering, please contact:  
NLG at [nlgmass-director@igc.org](mailto:nlgmass-director@igc.org) or MAAPL at [MAAPLinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:MAAPLinfo@yahoo.com)**

*"... to the ends that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests."*

Preamble to the Constitution of the National Lawyers Guild, 1937.