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DRNY Sues Landlord for Denying Access Ramp

Brooklyn, NY – May 29, 2018 – Disability Rights New York filed a lawsuit today on behalf of Donna Rubin against her landlord. Ms. Rubin has been unable to leave her home, without being lifted out, because her landlord refuses to let her install a wheelchair-accessible ramp. She has secured all of the funding to pay for the ramp and got approval from two different architects, including one hired by the landlord. Ms. Rubin has been forced to spend over \$30,000 of her own money to be lifted out of her home. After fully exhausting her money, she couldn't even afford to visit her fiancé's bedside prior to his death.

"The landlord's refusal to allow Ms. Rubin to build a ramp will not go unaddressed," said Tim Clune, DRNY Exec. Dir. "There is no excuse and this is just pure discrimination."

Read the lawsuit here: <http://bit.ly/2L5gyTk>

DRNY is the designated independent non-profit Protection & Advocacy System empowered by Congress to investigate allegations of abuse and neglect and provide legal and non-legal advocacy services to people with disabilities in New York State. The Protection & Advocacy System was created by Congress as a direct result of the horrific conditions that were uncovered in the 1970s at New York's Willowbrook State School.

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