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Hon. Robert C. Tierney
Chair, NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: 370 West 11th Street, Manhattan

Dear Chair Tierney,

I write to you regarding the rowhouse at 370 West 11th Street in the Far West Village. This building and its neighbor at No. 372 were both built in 1839 and retain a significant amount of original architectural fabric. They are rare surviving examples of Greek Revival houses along the primarily-industrial Greenwich Village waterfront, with historic storefronts dating from the late 19th century.

Both buildings were also among eight individual sites that the LPC promised to consider for designation in 2005. Since then, five of these sites have been designated, though 370 & 372 West 11th Street, and Charles Lane, remain unprotected. Though we have regularly asked the LPC over the last six-and-a-half years to calendar these three remaining sites, no action has been taken since this promise was made.

Now, recent news makes the need for designation of 370 West 11th Street even more urgent. Applications have been filed to alter the front façade, add a penthouse and replace the entire rear with a modern façade. These plans would heavily alter the significant historic fabric that has survived intact for over 170 years and makes the building a worthy candidate for landmark designation. We urge the LPC to move forward expeditiously with designation before the building can be destroyed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your quick response.

Sincerely,

Andrew Berman
Executive Director

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