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Hon. Jennifer J. Rabb
Chair
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
100 Old Slip
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Raab:

I am writing regarding landmark designation for 2 Columbus Circle. Community Board Five first requested designation of the area surrounding and including this historic building in February 1997 (enclosed). Now, the future of this architecturally significant building is threatened.

The City has recently issued a Request for Proposals on the building. Proposals that would result in the destruction of this unique edifice may be considered unless it is protected by landmark designation. I urge you to schedule a public hearing on this matter as soon as possible.

Edward Durell Stone designed this distinguished building in 1965. Over the years, the structure has become the subject of much praise. It is a focal point of Columbus Circle and is an important part of the framework of the entire area.

Please act quickly on this important issue. If I can be of any assistance to you in this worthwhile cause, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Lola Finkelstein
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Joyce Matz
Co-Chair, Landmarks Committee

cc: Hon. C. Virginia Fields
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