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N.Y.C. Landmarks Preservation Commission
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1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
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Subject: 2 Columbus Circle

Dear Bob:

I am writing to reiterate the Landmarks Conservancy's position, first voiced in 2000, that the Landmarks Preservation Commission should hold a public hearing regarding the designation Edward Durrell Stone's Gallery of Modern Art at 2 Columbus Circle as a City landmark.

When we first took that position three years ago, our Board of Directors was evenly divided on the merits of designation but united on the need for this controversial building to "have its day in court" before the Commission. Recently, the Board revisited the matter and feels even more strongly now that this building deserves a hearing.

Therefore, we urge you to calendar this controversial building. I cannot think of another action you could take that would better underscore the independence of the Commission and draw public attention to the landmarking process.

Sincerely,

Peg Breen
President

cc: Members of the Conservancy's Board of Directors and Advisory Council