

# LANDMARK WEST!

THE COMMITTEE TO PRESERVE THE UPPER WEST SIDE

June 4, 2003

Hon. Robert B. Tierney  
Chair  
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission  
1 Centre Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10007

RE: 2 Columbus Circle

**We will probably be judged not by the monuments we  
build but by those we have destroyed."**

- *New York Times*, in response to 1963  
demolition of Pennsylvania Station

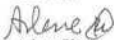
Dear Bob:

The former Gallery of Modern Art at 2 Columbus Circle has been loved, loathed, and hotly debated since its opening in 1964. Still controversial after nearly 40 years, it is undeniably a significant part of New York's architectural heritage.

Within the last month, both the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Preservation League for New York State, the leading preservation advocacy organizations in our country and state respectively, sent letters urging you to calendar a public hearing. Now there is universal consensus in the national, state, and local preservation communities that 2 Columbus Circle deserves its "day in court," i.e. a public hearing before your Commission to consider whether it merits designation as a New York City landmark.

The Nation, the State, and the City are watching and waiting. What more will it take?

Sincerely,



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President



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