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Honorable Robert B. Tierney  
Chairperson  
The NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission  
1 Centre Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chairperson Tierney,

I am writing to urge the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission to schedule a designation hearing regarding Two Columbus Circle, formerly recognized as the Huntington Hartford Gallery of Modern Art. Designed during the 1960's by the world renowned architect Edward Durell Stone, Two Columbus Circle was completed in 1964, and has since stood as a fixture in this densely populated and storied location.

The public support for designating Two Columbus Circle landmark status is abundant; the widespread petitioning for a designation hearing is astounding. Numerous respected organizations, such as the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Preservation League of New York State, have publicly objected to the denial of the request for the designation hearing for Two Columbus Circle. Additionally, architectural experts from across the globe have voiced their dismay at the Commission's decision.

It is unjust to deny landmark designation to Two Columbus Circle without a formal designation hearing. By doing so, the Commission has decided to make a final ruling without deliberation from the very same experts and organization upon whose expertise previous decisions by the Commission have hinged. I ask that you please reconsider your decision.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If I can be of any assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel O'Donnell", written in a cursive style.

Daniel O'Donnell  
Member of Assembly

Cc: Michael Bloomberg, Mayor