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August 3, 2005

Hon. Robert B. Tierney
Commissioner
Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

By Fax and Mail

Dear Commissioner Tierney:

I am writing to you on behalf of numerous preservation and civic organizations who are in favor of designating 2 Columbus Circle as a New York City landmark.

While I am not thoroughly familiar with the pros and cons of this issue, I certainly support their request for a hearing.

As you know, in prior administrations, very unique and precious buildings were lost forever because they lacked landmark designation. Preservationists, and I count myself as one, are therefore very concerned whenever a candidate for designation is not given the proper review.

Part of that review and analysis must involve the wishes and desires of the citizens of this City. That can only be accomplished through a public hearing, where all sides can have an opportunity to present their views and opinions.

I strongly urge you to hold a hearing on the merits to determine if 2 Columbus Circle qualifies for Landmark status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. Avella".

Tony Avella
Council Member
District 19 - Northeast Queens

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