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Ms. Kate Wood
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Dear Ms. Wood:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting my comments on the National Register nomination proposal for 2 Columbus Circle. The recent date of construction for this building and the National Register requirement that it meet the threshold of exceptional significance require an especially detailed and thorough review on our part. Your patience in awaiting a response is greatly appreciated.

Although 2 Columbus Circle does appear to meet the criteria for listing on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, the draft nomination form, in its present state, fails to make a coherent argument for its exceptional significance. I have asked our National Register staff to prepare a written assessment of this draft under separate cover and to outline the areas of the nomination that must be addressed or revised before this proposal can be reviewed by the New York State Board for Historic Preservation.

Please feel free to contact me again at any point in our review of this proposal if any questions arise.

Most sincerely,

Bernadette Castro
Commissioner
State Historic Preservation Officer