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To whom it may concern:

As a custom fabricator of composite Building elements, for over 25 years, we have employed a team 18, sculptors, mold-makers, project managers and engineers. Our work is primarily based on historical restoration of ornamental replacement units matching natural carved stone elements, terracotta, with an emphasis on continuing details of original architectural building fabric. Due to our wide range of high end craftsmanship, we have a special understanding and appreciation for the original architectural intent. More than half of our jobs fall within Landmark Designation. In addition to preserving the irreplaceable historic buildings and neighborhoods of our city, these jobs keep our people working and afford us the ability to continue our creative efforts.

We are not a very large company, but thanks in part to our valued craft, our understanding of the value of historical building structures and thanks greatly to the passing of the Landmarks Law we have had successful growth and are continually hiring and training individuals in our craft providing them with skills and career opportunities. We are a small group of craftspeople who take pride in our contribution to the preservation efforts of our city. It is this spirit of pride that has defined the character of our city in the past and by our combined efforts will continue to define the future development of New York City. We are not in the business of preventing progress or change, but inherent in the complexity of our great city are the layers of history embedded in our historic buildings and communicated to us through the facades we are trying to preserve. This preservation of our identity and our past is vital for the continued growth, health and vitality of the city.

It is our hope that consideration to current proposed changes by particular organizations be clearly examined and to continue to value our past as part of a vibrant future.

Sincerely,

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