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Sarah Carroll
Chair, Landmarks Preservation Commission
David N. Dinkins Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor North
New York, NY 10007

Subject: Support for the Landmark Designation of 134-136 Bowery

Dear Chair Carroll,

I write to express my support for the application to designate 134-136 Bowery as a historic landmark, and to urge the Landmarks Preservation Commission (“LPC”) to hear this application as soon as possible before these buildings succumb to speculation. The Bowery Alliance of Neighbors submitted a Request for Evaluation to LPC for 134-136 Bowery on September 27, 2021, detailing the numerous qualifications these buildings meet for landmark designation in both historic significance and under the principles of the LPC equity framework.

Built in the 1790s, these Federal-style houses are complete with attic dormers, steeply pitched roofs, and Flemish bond brickwork still intact. The Delaplaine family, the original owner up until the late 19th century, were Quakers greatly engaged in abolitionist politics and activism who welcomed fellow abolitionists to board at this site. The buildings later served as the home of the Bowery’s first YMCA and sculptor Eva Hesse.

For these reasons, and impending development threats currently faced by these historic buildings along the Bowery, I fully support the hasty consideration of these buildings for landmark designation.

Sincerely,

Christopher Marte
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