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Hon. Sarah Carroll, Chair
NYC Landmarks Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: 65 Horatio Street, LPC -20-09763

Dear Chair Carroll,

I am writing in response to the revised application for 65 Horatio Street, scheduled for a public meeting on October 20, 2020.

Although the proposal has been revised, Village Preservation still strongly objects to this application. The applicant was instructed by the Commission to look at historic precedents for a more suitable rooftop addition to replace the previously proposed very modern one. However, the one now proposed completely overwhelms this 1840s Greek Revival house, in many ways even more so than the one which was previously proposed. While the applicant may have taken into consideration other studio windows in the area, they did not take into consideration that this house is unique in its sidewall exposure. The proposed addition, if lower, would perhaps be more appropriate in the middle of a row of attached houses. But it is not, and as such the proposed addition would appear as a large intrusive mass on an otherwise almost pristinely intact and unique early 19th century semi-detached house in Greenwich Village.

We also continue to object to the proposed false garage wall, which is barely changed from the original proposal. It still obscures the lovely exposed sidewall with its polygonal bay window, which is unique and

special among row houses in the Greenwich Village Historic District. The garage was not in place at the time of designation, and as a false wall does not honor this part of the row house's or the district's history.

We strongly urge the Commission to reject this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Berman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Berman
Executive Director