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**Re: United States Postal Service's Repeated Violation of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act Regarding Air Rights Sales**

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Please do not allow the Post Office to further flout the law or to impact the historic landscape of Lower Manhattan without the appropriate and required review. Please take action NOW to halt this process before it is too late and ensure that the Section 106 review, examining impacts upon historic resources in the immediate vicinity of these Post Offices, is undertaken.

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Sincerely,

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