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Hon. Robert Tierney
Chair, New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Centre Street, 9th floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: 128 East 13th Street, former Van Tassel & Kearney Horse Mart

Dear Chair Tierney:

I write regarding the status of the above-referenced property, which the Landmarks Preservation has calendared and heard for landmark designation. I urge the Commission to move ahead with a vote to officially designate the property a New York City landmark.

We remain extremely grateful to the Commission for its swift action to protect this wonderful historic structure when we first brought the threat of its demolition to the agency's attention in the summer of 2006. We are also extremely grateful for the work the Commission has done since then to ensure the building was not demolished. However, it has been over a year and a half since the Commission first held a hearing about designation of the building, and GVSHP, like many other preservationists and neighbors of the building, are anxious to see its fate settled and its permanent preservation ensured. We understand that several steps have been taken in that direction, and that the owners have chosen to have the building listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places and have granted a preservation easement for the building. However, only landmark designation can ensure the building's permanent preservation and a public process to guide it, with oversight by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. We feel that this architectural and historic gem continues to be imminently worthy of such an honor and such a designation.

As always, we are willing to help in any way we can with this process. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is any way we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Andrew Berman
Executive Director

**Cc: Borough President Scott Stringer
State Senator Tom Duane
City Councilmember Rosie Mendez
Assemblymember Deborah Glick**