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STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE N.Y.C. LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF 310 SPRING STREET, MANHATTAN, AS AN INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK

Good day Chair Tierney and Commissioners. I am Andrea Goldwyn, speaking on behalf of the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

The Conservancy supports designation of 310 Spring Street. This 1819 Federal-style building with its 1850's Federal-style addition clearly deserves the recognition and might benefit from the guidance of the Landmarks Commission regarding any future changes. Like its neighbor, the Ear Inn at 326 Spring, Federal-era characteristics such as the Flemish bond brickwork, stone lintels, and modest scale are still intact despite alterations made in the past 150 years. As the designation report for that building finds, 310 Spring is also "still serving a useful purpose and ... it adds charm, intimate scale, a provocative change of pace to our city life and scene."

Originally the home of prominent ship captain, 310 Spring is now hidden among larger 19th and early 20th century commercial buildings, and more recent high rises of West SoHo, where it is a quiet, yet striking link to this neighborhood's and the City's history. With designation, it will continue to do so.

Thank you for the opportunity to express the Conservancy's views.