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STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE N.Y.C. LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF 339 GRAND 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 strongly supports designation of 339 Grand Street. Although the 115-year old storefront is not original and the façade of both the main building and the addition have undergone other minor alterations, this 1832 building has maintained many of its Federal features, including the Flemish bond brick, pitched roof, dormer, and stone sills and lintels. Along with the extant outbuilding, it is barely changed from the 1939 tax photo, and still a vivid reminder of Manhattan's early 19th century history.

The group of buildings at 333-339 Grand Street has been on our red list of our Endangered Buildings Initiative since it was developed over 10 years ago. Like the Dominick Street buildings, it was a row that had undergone some alterations, but still had many details intact. By 2003, the immediate neighbor at #337 had been altered to the point where it could no longer be recognized as anything historic, splintering the row, and diminishing the character of the block. We are very pleased to support designation of 339 Grand Street, and hope that there will be another day of recognizing Federals soon.

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