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**STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
LANDMARKS, PUBLIC SITINGS AND MARITIME USES OF THE NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF 32, 34 AND 36 DOMINICK STREET, MANHATTAN, AS
INDIVIDUAL LANDMARKS**

Good day Chair Lander and Council Members. I am Andrea Goldwyn, speaking on behalf of the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

The Conservancy strongly supports designation of the Dominick Street houses. Over ten years ago, we began surveying buildings for our Endangered Building List. What stood out immediately among the thousands of properties reviewed for the List was the particular plight of the Federal-style house. These small, modest buildings with unique Federal elements are a vibrant reminder of New York's history, yet they are being lost every year.

32 Dominick Street is a fine example of the Federal period with many of its details, including the Flemish bond brick facade, stone lintels and sills, and peaked roof with dormers, as well as its overall massing intact. While there have been alterations and additions to the other two buildings in this group, important Federal elements remain. This grouping of three buildings recalls the original row of 12, providing an important link to early 19th century Manhattan and the history of this neighborhood.

These houses are remarkable survivors that deserve the recognition of designation and the protection and guidance that the Landmarks Law provides. Thank you for the opportunity to express the Conservancy's views.