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STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE N.Y.C. LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF 32, 34, 36, and 38 DOMINICK STREET, MANHATTAN, AS INDIVIDUAL LANDMARKS

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

The Conservancy strongly supports designation of the Dominick Street houses and all of the other Federal style houses on the calendar today. Over ten years ago the Conservancy began surveying buildings for its 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 details 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 and its overall massing intact. While there have been alterations and additions to the other three buildings in this group, important Federal elements remain, including the Flemish bond brick facade, and stone lintels and sills. Furthermore, this grouping of four buildings recalls the original row of 12, and provides an important link to Manhattan's early 19th century.

At long last, it is time for designation of these buildings and the other Federals being heard today, so that they will receive the protection and guidance that the Landmarks Law provides. We are grateful for the actions taken today, and hope that the Commission will continue to act on the many other Federals across lower Manhattan and the other boroughs.

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