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STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF 128 CLINTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, THE HENRY AND SUSAN MCDONALD HOUSE, AS AN INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK

Good morning Chair Tierney and Commissioners. I am Andrea Goldwyn, speaking on behalf of the New York Landmarks Conservancy. The Conservancy is pleased to support designation of the Henry and Susan McDonald House at 128 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn.

The McDonald House, built in 1853-54, is an excellent example of a freestanding Italianate wood frame house with Greek Revival details. While buildings such as this were not uncommon on Clinton Avenue and in this section of Brooklyn, they are more typical south of Myrtle Avenue. This building is fortunate to retain much of its historic fabric, including the projected bracketed eaves and full porch with "Temple of the Winds" columns and Ionic capitals.

The House is a contributing building to the Wallabout National Register Historic District, and paired with a neighboring landmark, the Greek Revival 1836 Lefferts-Laidlaw House (136 Clinton Avenue,) it creates a fascinating window into pre-Civil War history of Brooklyn, and deserves landmark designation.

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