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STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF THE RENKEN DAIRY, 584 MYRTLE AVENUE, BROOKLYN 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 Renken Dairy Building on Myrtle Avenue.

The 1932 Renken Building is a fine example of the commercial Moderne style on a thoroughfare where 19th century architecture and new construction are more typical. The Dairy Building's intact light brick façade contrasts with darker brick horizontal bands, which connote the streamlined quality of Moderne. Details include a historic entryway with original lettering and signage on the side facade. Along with a nearby garage building that still bears the Renken name, the Dairy is a charming reminder of an earlier period for this section of Brooklyn.

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