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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
BAY RIDGE PARKWAY - DOCTORS' ROW HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Good morning Chair Carroll and Commissioners. I am Andrea Goldwyn, speaking on behalf of the New York Landmarks Conservancy. The Conservancy is pleased to join elected officials, neighbors, and advocates to support designation of the Bay Ridge Parkway – Doctors' Row Historic District.

This handsome block of row houses well represents the architecture and history of Bay Ridge at the turn of the 20th century. The majority of the 54 buildings are notable for their intact limestone facades and elegant bow fronts. They maintain their historic form, scale, materials, and decorative details. The block dates to the early 1900s, when transportation improvements were transforming the character of this section of Brooklyn, from rural and suburban to a dense urban community. Marketing materials claimed that it was built for doctors, and even today, there are several medical offices on the block. Set along the wide avenue of Bay Ridge Parkway, the ensemble creates a strong sense of place that merits designation.

The Conservancy is happy to offer building owners assistance from our Technical Services and Historic Properties Fund programs. As this neighborhood faces increasing development pressure, we thank the Commission for bringing this designation to a hearing and look forward to seeing others in Bay Ridge. Thank you for the opportunity to express the Conservancy's views.