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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
RICHARD WEBBER HARLEM PACKING HOUSE, 207-215 EAST 119TH STREET, MANHATTAN AS AN
INDIVIDUAL LANDMARK**

Good day, Chair Srinivasan and Commissioners. I am Andrea Goldwyn speaking on behalf of the New York Landmarks Conservancy. The Conservancy is pleased to support designation of the Richard Webber Harlem Packing House as an individual landmark.

The grand Romanesque Revival style of the Packing House elevates it above the typical 19th century industrial building. Constructed as a part of a meat-processing complex, the attractive masonry façade features arches, pilasters, and fetching terra-cotta cow head reliefs. While there have been alterations, the building retains its original height, massing, materials, and many intact decorative details.

We are especially pleased to see this group of East Harlem buildings today, brought forward in tandem with the Administration's rezoning initiative. It is important for preservation to work with planning, especially in an area that will face increased development pressures and is under-represented in landmark designations. We thank the Commission for recognizing the significant architecture of East Harlem, and hope that there will be additional designations here. We look forward to seeing more of this type of collaboration, as other neighborhoods are considered for rezoning.

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