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Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg
 Mayor
 City of New York
 City Hall
 New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

We are writing to apprise you of the recent formation of the West End Preservation Society (WEPS), a group of community members and elected officials dedicated to preserving West End Avenue from West 67th Street to West 107th Street. We believe that this corridor is unique in its well-preserved assemblage of pre-war buildings and brownstones. Unfortunately, the consistency of facades along West End Avenue is under threat and warrants protection.

We applaud your commitment to neighborhood preservation, as you demonstrated in last year's release of PlaNYC. As you so succinctly stated, plans for growth in New York City must "ensure that every neighborhood's history and character is protected to preserve what attracted residents in the first place. Each block deserves its own unique consideration." We could not agree more, and we believe that designating this stretch of West End Avenue as a historic district is in perfect complement to your greater vision for the City.

In recent years, the cohesive appearance of the corridor has faced increased demolition and new construction. The erection of new buildings creates an uneven aesthetic where modern glass skyscrapers pierce a remarkably stable stock of some of New York's finest architectural examples. We seek to designate this area along West End Avenue a historic district, and we ask for your support and assistance. In doing so, you would be helping to preserve not only the unified appearance of the neighborhood, but also the unity of the community itself.

The West End Preservation Society has enlisted the help of Andrew S. Dolkart, Professor of Historic Preservation at the School of Architecture Planning and Preservation at Columbia University. Mr. Dolkart has agreed to conduct a cultural research analysis of West End Avenue as a corridor from approximately West 67th Street to West 107th Street (an existing historic district encompasses West 87th Street to West 94th Street). This study will compile evidence of the historical importance of this neighborhood and its significance within the greater community of New York City. We respectfully request your help and support in moving expeditiously to protect and preserve this integral part of New York's history.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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 U.S. Congressman

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 U.S. Congressman

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