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Hon. Meenakshi Srinivasan
Chair, NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
One Centre Street, 9th floor
New York, NY 10009

Re: Revised Proposed Addition to 827-831 Broadway, Manhattan

Dear Chair Srinivasan,

I write to urge you and the members of the Landmarks Preservation Commission not to approve the revised proposed additions to 827-831 Broadway.

The design has been modified slightly and the proposed addition pushed back eight feet and reduced in height by five feet as compared to the original proposal. However, it is still quite visually overwhelming in relation to the historic buildings upon which it would sit, and the design remains jarring and inharmonious in relation to the historic buildings below.

From the north, where the buildings are most frequently viewed and most visible, the revised proposed additions would continue to have an oversized presence that would be disproportionately large as compared to the buildings below.

And as several Commissioners stated at the public hearing, the revised proposed addition still seems busy and uncomfortable in relation to the landmarked buildings. The small change in the prominence of the facets changes little about how the addition seems like an unrelated, alien presence on the buildings. Given their great visibility in relation to the buildings, this remains a significant problem.

Several Commissioners noted at the last hearing that significant reductions in the size of the proposed addition, of at least a story or two, were necessary. Several also discussed the need to push the addition back further. And many said that the proposed design, while possibly interesting or even beautiful at another location, did not make sense here. The modest changes to the proposed design could hardly be said to address this feedback previously given.

Please consider and protect the integrity of 827-831 Broadway and do not approve the revised proposed additions.

Sincerely,

Andrew Berman
Executive Director