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May 11, 2018

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 latest revised proposed additions to 827-831 Broadway.

While the addition over 827-831 Broadway has been further reduced and is significantly less visible, the 7-story addition to the 12th Street building is incredibly visible and visually intrusive in relation to the landmarked buildings.

As seen in the diagram on p.23 of the application, a corner of the proposed 7-story addition does fall within the designated area, and therefore is subject to the Commissioners' consideration. On this basis we urge you not to approve the addition, and to dissuade the applicant from making any similar such addition on the 12th Street side (though the application does not show it, it is all too easy to imagine how visually intrusive the proposed addition would be from that vantage point).

As you recall, our Request for Evaluation included landmarking 47 East 12th Street as well as 827-831 Broadway. The 12th Street building is inextricably linked historically and architecturally to the Broadway buildings. The latest proposed design and addition to that building speaks to the folly of not including 47 East 12th Street in the landmark designation.

Additionally, we must note our belief that the existing storefront at No. 831 should be maintained, as it is proposed to be at No. 827. Both are from the same period and speak to an important chapter of the building's history, and both are equally aesthetically distinguished and pleasing.

Sincerely,

Andrew Berman
Executive Director