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Dear Chair Srinivasan and Members of the Commission:

We are writing to you in solidarity with many of our neighbors who do not support the proposed demolition of the historic garage building at 11 Jane Street. All of us have lived here for over 25 years, some of us our whole lives, and while development is a natural part of our city's evolution, over time the village has begun to feel decidedly less village-y. The scale of each building seems to be rapidly expanding and several designs push the limits of what is appropriate in our historic neighborhood. The architecture of Jane Street tells a rich story harkening back to a time when house owners lived next to apartment dwellers and factory workers, and all of them relied on service buildings to house essential transportation; originally horses and then cars. 11 Jane is one such building.

Constructed in the early 1920's automobile era as a stable for "horse-less carriages", the building is a low-lying, brick construction that complements the nearby row houses and meshes with the neighborhood. There are few garages left that embody this era in New York and to replace it with a tower would radically alter the low scale variation and rhythm of this historic street.

We look to you as the Landmarks Commission to help us protect this significant and historically relevant building.

Many thanks for your consideration.

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