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August 29, 2012

Hon. Robert Tierney, Chair
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Re: 186 Spring Street and proposed South Village Historic District, Manhattan

Dear Chair Tierney:

I recently received Mary Beth Betts's written response to my letter dated July 25, 2012. While I appreciate your staff's careful consideration, I am also deeply concerned about two issues.

First, the advocates have informed me that the decision was based on the possibly inconsistent application of your standards. I urge you to reexamine this case to ensure that the correct standards are applied.

My larger concern is that the Landmarks Preservation Commission has never designated any sites significant to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) history despite New York City being the birthplace of the modern LGBT civil rights movement. Given how importantly 186 Spring Street figures into the history of this city and this country, I am asking you to reconsider the denial. Now more than ever, New York City needs to preserve its LGBT history to show current and future generations the struggles that helped our nation progress.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Daniel Dromm
New York City Council Member, 25th District