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Mr. Robert B. Tierney, Chairman
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York 1007

Re: Bedford Corners Historical District Landmark Designation

Dear Chairman Tierney:

I represent the community of Bedford-Stuyvesant in the New York State Assembly, and write to urge you to expedite the review of the landmark designation status for the Bedford Corners Historic District.

As you know, the Bedford-Stuyvesant area is one of Brooklyn's most beautiful brownstone neighborhoods. It rests between the protected areas of Clinton Hill, Stuyvesant Heights and Crown Heights North. Recently, major developers have intensified their interest in the neighborhood, often acting without regard to the character of the community.

Land-marking Bedford Corners would preserve the historic quality and character of a variety of buildings that include magnificent town homes and more modest row houses. Bedford Corners' collection of 19th century edifices are found on streets largely unchanged. However, in recent years, more contextually unsuitable structures have invaded the surrounding communities.

The preservation of Bedford-Stuyvesant's architectural heritage is critical. Consequently, I urge you to undertake a prompt and comprehensive review, and designate the Bedford Corners Historical District with landmark status.

Sincerely,

Hon. Hakeem Jeffries, New York State Assembly, 57th District