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Meenakshi Srinivisaan
Chair
NYC Board of Standards and Appeals
40 Rector Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10006

Re: **BSA Calendar # 162-08-BZ;**
150 East 93rd Street, Manhattan

Dear Chair Srinivisaan:

We are writing to request that the Board of Standards and Appeals deny BSA application 162-08-BZ, which would allow for the enlargement of an existing building at 150 East 93rd Street contrary to floor area and lot coverage regulations §23-145 and §35-31.

This building exists on a beloved block known as Marx Brothers Place. The remarkable collection of houses and gardens that line the street between Lexington and Third Avenues on East 93rd Street is unfortunately not included as part of the Carnegie Hill Historic District. Although the building is not subject to the more stringent restrictions of a historic district, we believe the application should be nonetheless denied.

The proposed enlargement is inappropriate in context with the surrounding area. One applicant's desire to build a penthouse should not supersede existing regulations that exist to prevent overdevelopment. The historical context and character of this block only serve to reinforce why these zoning restrictions are necessary.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Jonathan L. Bing
Assembly Member

Micah Z. Kellner
Assembly Member

cc: Manhattan Community Board 8
S. Kathryn Hefti, Co-Chair 93rd Street Beautification Association