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Hon. Robert B. Tierney, Chair
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission
Municipal Building
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Tierney:

I am writing to you in regards to a building in my district that I hope the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission will consider for individual landmark status.

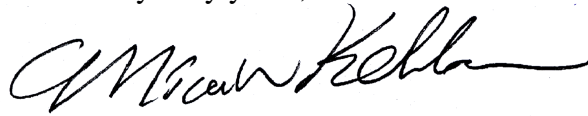
Last fall, I began working with the East 79th Street Neighborhood Association surveying properties in the Yorkville neighborhood of my district to ensure that all important buildings are considered for individual landmark status.

In the course of this research, we discovered a wooden house at 412 East 85th Street. Public records indicate that it was calendared by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission for consideration as an individual landmark in 1966 although a hearing was never held. Wooden houses in New York City, most of which are found in Lower Manhattan, are an important but increasingly rare part of New York's urban landscape. Three other wooden houses in the Carnegie Hill neighborhood (120 East 92nd Street, 122 East 92nd Street, and 160 East 92nd Street) are designated as individual landmarks, but none in the Yorkville neighborhood further east.

I am particularly concerned that the wooden house at 412 East 85th Street was calendared over forty years ago and has never been given a public hearing; I hope that the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission will calendar a hearing as soon as possible so that we may preserve this piece of Yorkville's history.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Micah Z. Kellner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Micah Z. Kellner
Assembly Member

cc: East 79th Street Neighborhood Association
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Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts
Council Member Jessica Lappin