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STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY BEFORE THE NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF 200 MADISON AVENUE FIRST FLOOR LOBBY AS AN INTERIOR LANDMARK

Good morning Chair Carroll and Commissioners. I am Andrea Goldwyn, speaking on behalf of the New York Landmarks Conservancy. The Conservancy is pleased to support designation of the lobby at 200 Madison Avenue as an interior landmark.

This 1926 Warren & Wetmore building offers several delightful contrasts. The handsome red-brick, primary façade facing Madison Avenue is somewhat restrained. The tower and side facades hint at the interior with more elaborate decorative elements. However, it is the lobby that truly dazzles.

The neo-Renaissance hall features a stunning array of ornament. From the rosettes at the elegant vaulted ceiling to the gilded walls to the marble and terrazzo flooring, this is a special interior. Throughout the full-block volume, gilded reliefs, floral mosaics, ornamental iron work, and stylized lion heads, peacocks, dragons, and gryphons welcome workers and visitors. This glorious space is a reminder of the distinct attraction that New York's office buildings can provide.

If designated this lobby will join a select group of New York's finest interiors. We appreciate the owner's stewardship of this property and are happy to offer them assistance from our Preservation Services staff. Thank you for the opportunity to express the Conservancy's views.