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To Whom It May Concern:

I write in strong support of LANDMARK WEST!'s (LW!) study of the environmental benefits of rear-yard open spaces on the Upper West Side. The study will make an important contribution to the growing body of research on environmental sustainability in the urban environment.

LW! has long been dedicated to preserving the character and architectural history of the Upper West Side. Together with the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies and the CUNY Institute for Sustainable Cities, LW! will now quantify the value of 115 acres of open space behind the neighborhood's many brownstones. The findings will inform other neighborhoods and the City as a whole on the value of privately-owned public spaces.

This project is very much in line with Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC and its focus on the intersection between neighborhood preservation and ensuring that New York City's urban environment and infrastructure is equipped for a growing population and its future needs—concerns that are of the utmost importance to me as the senior northeast member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

For all these reasons, I urge your support for and, if possible, assistance in funding this groundbreaking study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerrold Nadler".

JERROLD NADLER
Member of Congress