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Mr. Robert Tierney, Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor
New York, NY 10007

Dear Chair Tierney,

I write to urge that the Landmarks Preservation Commission designate the historically significant Horn & Hardart Automat at 2710 Broadway. This structure, along with its sister at 106th West 57th Street, deserves the protection and recognition that landmark designation offers.

These buildings, with their artful polychromatic terra cotta façades and unique vast openings, are two fine examples of a cultural phenomenon which at one point epitomized convenience and the possibilities of mechanization. Both automats sit on what are currently underbuilt, potentially developable sites. This endangers their continued existence and valuable contribution to New York City's architectural and cultural legacy.

Thank you for your attention to this recommendation.

Very truly yours,

Daniel O'Donnell
Assembly Member

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