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TESTIMONY SUBMITTED TO THE NEW YORK CITY
LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF THE HORN & HARDART
AUTOMAT, 2710-2714 BROADWAY AKA 228-234 WEST 104TH STREET, MANHATTAN

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Good morning. My name is Daniel O'Donnell and I am a member of the New York State Assembly, 69th District, representing residents of Manhattan Valley, Morningside Heights, and the Upper West Side of Manhattan, the community in which the Horn & Hardart Automat is located.

I testify today in strongest support of the designation of the Horn & Hardart Automat at 2710-2714 Broadway and 104th Street. This building's richly decorated, energetic Art Deco façade and distinctive architecture, designed to entice by revealing the mechanized interior, are reason enough for Landmark Status; the automat's role in this past century's cultural history decisively augments the argument for designation.

LPC's designation of the Horn & Hardart Automat would represent the first of many needed steps to provide the neighborhoods of the Upper West Side above 96th Street with the recognition and protection that the area has long deserved. This proposal is a welcome harbinger of the designation of many more landmarks and historic districts in this community, where such assets exist in abundance, and await only the attention of the LPC to secure their future.

I implore the Landmarks Preservation Commission to approve the designation of the Horn & Hardart Automat at Broadway and 104th Street. This building undoubtedly deserves the protection and recognition of Landmark status.

Thank you.