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**Testimony of Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer
To the Landmarks Preservation Commission re: The Horn and Hardart
Building, 2710-2714 Broadway, LP-2203
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My name is Scott M. Stringer, Manhattan Borough President, and I would like to thank the Landmarks Preservation Commission for hearing my testimony today. The Horn and Hardart building is an important historic structure for Manhattan's Upper West Side and the spirit of preservation in New York City.

The building, designed in 1930 and formerly home to an automat restaurant, carries with it the significance of a different era of New York. This different era included the advent of automats which provided a new kind of dining experience. Automat restaurants became the convenient stores of their day, providing hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers with quality meals.

There are only two remaining buildings which at one time housed automats. This specific structure, built in an Art Deco style, keep New York connected our cultural and architectural history.

I urge the Landmarks Preservation Commission to approve the landmark status of the Horn and Hardart Building to further protect the contextual and historical significance of Manhattan's West Side.

As Manhattan's Borough President, I will continue to support preservation of our historic and landmark sites for the current and future generations of the Upper West Side and all of New York.

I thank you for your time and your valued service to Manhattan.