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Gregory J. Galer, Ph.D.

Rosanne Foley
Boston Landmarks Commission
Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201
Re: Petition #267.20 (Richards-Follett-Pfaff Stables at 39 Stanhope Street)

Dear Ms. Foley,

The Boston Preservation Alliance is Boston's primary, non-profit advocacy organization that protects and promotes the use of historic buildings and landscapes in all of the city's neighborhoods. With 39 Organizational Members, 142 Corporate Members, and a reach of 35,000 friends and supporters we represent a diverse constituency advocating for the thoughtful evolution of the city and celebration of its unique character. We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments on projects that impact the historic character of the city.

The Alliance has been concerned with the preservation of the stables at 39 Stanhope Street for decades. Our organization prepared a petition to Landmark the property, and others along Stanhope Street, in 1989. Since the fall of last year we have met with the property owner several times to advocate for preservation, but have been unable to reach agreement. The Alliance has always believed this building is an important contributor to the neighborhood and the city.

The stables present a unique opportunity to preserve a sense of place in a densely developed neighborhood. The evolution in use of this structure mirrors the evolution of technology, society, and the neighborhood itself. We have heard from many voices, both from within the neighborhood and outside, who find value and significance in this building and its streetscape. We believe that the building is historically significant and warrants further study as a Pending Landmark.

The Alliance strongly encourages the Boston Landmarks Commission to accept Petition #267.20 (Richards-Follett-Pfaff Stables) for further study.

Thank you,



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