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Ms. Susan Pranger, Chair
Boston Landmarks Commission
Boston City Hall, Room 805
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Ms. Pranger:

On behalf of the Boston Preservation Alliance, I am writing to urge the Boston Landmarks Commission to support Fenway Park, 24 Yawkey Way and 2-4 Yawkey Way, for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Opened in 1912, Fenway Park is the oldest Major League baseball park in the United States. Considered a rare gem amongst professional baseball parks nationally, Fenway's survival, maintenance, and improvements mark a tremendous opportunity for both preservation and the economic engine of Massachusetts. The ballpark hosts over three million visitors per year and is truly one of Boston's most beloved historic landmarks.

The current ownership has done a truly exemplary job of addressing the building's ongoing preservation and maintenance needs, while finding new opportunities for managed expansion and revenue generation. The results are extraordinary. Utilizing Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits, the ballpark has been renovated in phases to a condition that has surpassed the expectations of many of us in the preservation community time and time again. These changes have catalyzed a remarkable transformation of the neighborhood and have secured the ballpark's future for the enjoyment of Bostonians and visitors to our city for many generations to come.

Sincerely,



Sarah D. Kelly
Executive Director