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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Museum at Eldridge Street, I am writing to strongly support the efforts of the Bowery Alliance of Neighbors and their plans to preserve the historic quality of East Bowery. From the Dutch settlement in the 1600s through massive waves of immigration in the 1800s to the current settlement of the Bowery by musicians, artists and writers, the Bowery has been a place for urban pioneers and immigrants. It is important that we preserve the buildings and low-rise landscape that speak of this incredibly rich and colorful history.

The Museum at Eldridge Street recently completed a major restoration of the 1887 Eldridge Street Synagogue, a National Historic Landmark on the Lower East Side. We are deeply committed to the preservation of the historic quality of our neighborhood. I should add that as both the Deputy Director of the Museum, and a resident of the area, I am strongly invested in seeing the historic quality of this area maintained and preserved.

The Museum at Eldridge Street supports the effort to preserve the historic quality of our neighborhood, gateway to America, so that its history and stories are visible for generations to come.

With best wishes,

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