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August 25, 2010

Robert B. Tierney, Chairman  
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission  
1 Center Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10017

**Re: Bedford Corners Historic District Landmark Designation**

As the New York State Senator representing the 18<sup>th</sup> District, which includes Bedford Stuyvesant, I write to urge you to expedite review and designation of the proposed Bedford Corners Historic District.

Bedford Stuyvesant has a magnificent collection of brownstones and townhouses designed by many of the most important 19<sup>th</sup> Century architects including Montrose Morris, John G Prague, George Chappell, Rudolph L. Daus and Peter Lauritzen.

Recently, developers have intensified their interest in the neighborhood, often building contextually inappropriate structures. Landmarking Bedford Corners would preserve the historic character and sense of place of the neighborhood.

The preservation of Bedford-Stuyvesant's architectural heritage is critical. Consequently, I urge you to swiftly calendar and designate the Bedford Corners Historic District.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Velmanette Montgomery".

Velmanette Montgomery  
State Senator, 18<sup>th</sup> District