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To the honorable Chair and Commissioners:

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Based on the understanding that the Historic Water Tower Neighborhood is actively working with a historic preservation consultant to pursue an application for an expanded North Point South Historic District that may include the two properties in question (due March 2022) and the owner's commitment to not move forward on any demolition activity until the HPC has issued a decision on the expanded district or the end of the year (whichever comes first), the Milwaukee Preservation Alliance encourages the commission to hold a decision on the permanent designation of the William Spence Houses Numbers 1 and 2 at 2275 and 2279 N. Summit Ave. until they can be considered as part of a potential expanded district.

As previously indicated, there is evidence from the nomination and staff report to suggest that these homes may deserve to be included within an expanded District. As the nominator notes, they were constructed in the same time period and as part of the same development as many homes within the district and are of a similar style and character. Their inclusion could help paint a fuller picture of this important development and its significance to Milwaukee's growth in the late 19th century by showing the variety of home types that were being constructed at the time.

For these reasons, we believe 2275 and 2279 N. Summit Ave. deserve to be considered within the context of a possible expanded historic district and urge the Commission to hold its decision until they can be considered as such.

Thank you as always for your hard work on behalf of the people and places of Milwaukee.

Respectfully,

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