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To the honorable chair and committee members:

On behalf of the Milwaukee Preservation Alliance, I am writing to encourage your support for the Permanent Historic Designation and subsequent issuing of a historic site plaque for the Lamers Building located at 830-832 S. 5th Street.

The Lamers building is a credit to the historic fabric of Walker's Point National Register District, and is a fine example of High Victorian Italianate style. Like many of Milwaukee's buildings, it was constructed from the famous "Cream City" brick, and while a fairly standard two-story building, it has an incredibly ornate exterior. It was originally built to house Matthias Lamers's boot and shoe store, the first of its kind in Walker's Point

The Lamers Building was originally constructed by local Milwaukee architect Andrew Eileson, the architect of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church on the South Side. It was renovated in 1901 by Otto C. Uehling, the architect of nearby St. Stephen's Church and the Levy and Kahn building up the street.

The Milwaukee Preservation Alliance encourages independent preservation action by building owners, and we are thrilled to support the nearby Lamers Building's proposed designation and site plaque issuance, under the ownership and advocacy of Ms. Celine Ferrell.

Thank you for your continued work protecting the historic fabric of Milwaukee.

With Regards,



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