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Landmarks Commissioners,

Because I will be away from my office until October 24, I am submitting comments from the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation on the demolition proposal for 1112 Spaight St. in advance of the issue appearing on your agenda.

We recommend that the Commission not issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of the house at 1112 Spaight St. Although the house is modest in comparison to other houses in the Orton Park Historic District, it is a Contributing element of the district. It is also within the Third Lake Ridge local historic district which derives its significance from the broad diversity of nationalities, incomes and architecture in the area.

On a practical level, the house appears to have sufficient structural integrity to be restored or rehabilitated. We believe the house can continue to serve as a single-family residence and contribute to both historic districts as a house from the period of significance, and that exhibits historic integrity. We realize that restoration or rehabilitation may mean extensive interior and exterior remodeling as appropriate under the Third Lake Ridge design guidelines, and we believe that such restoration can be done at a cost that is reasonable when compared to the alternative of purchasing the house as-is, demolishing it, and building a new house.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Tish', written in a cursive style.

Jason Tish

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