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Sarah Carroll, Chair
Landmarks Preservation Commission
1 Centre Street, 9th Floor North
New York, NY 10007

Dear Commissioner Carroll,

I'm pleased to inform you of Community Board 11's support for the proposed sloped glazing replacement at the Rockefeller Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art as presented to our Land Use, Landmarks & Planning Committee on January 13, 2021.

The proposed improvements:

- State of the art sloped glazing assembly custom designed to meet the needs of the museum's collection and environment.
- Greater resistance to condensation, which is critical for humidified museum conditions.
- Four-sided structurally glazed cassettes which eliminate thermal bridges between interior and exterior improving energy efficiency.
- Improved glass with solar and thermal control layers including low-E and solar control coatings, triple glazing, and argon fill.
- Natural daylight and visual connection to Central Park from within the AAOA collections
- Provides the quality and quantity of daylight desired by curators for visitor experience and optimal appreciation of the art.
- Provides bird safe glass with visual frit pattern to avoid bird collisions.
- Addresses other problematic areas of the exterior envelope: gutters, flashing, and connection to adjacent masonry walls.
- The mechanical system adjacent to the sloped glazing will also be updated to provide additional protection against condensation.

Community Board 11 looks forward to visiting the museum and enjoying the improvements to the Rockefeller Wing that this rehabilitation will provide upon its completion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nilsa Orama". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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