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Jonathan E. Farnham, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Philadelphia Historical Commission
1515 Arch Street
13th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Re: 5538-50 Baltimore Avenue

Dear Dr. Farnham:

I am writing on behalf of Jim Kennedy and Kennedy Printing Company, Inc. regarding the pending nomination to designate 5538-50 Baltimore Avenue as an historical location and to list it on the Philadelphia Register of Historical Places to respectfully request a continuance of the Commission meeting scheduled for August 14, 2026 in order to give my client adequate time to properly prepare their opposition to this nomination. I ask for the matter to be considered at the October meeting if that is possible.

Mr. Kennedy is the owner of the property and the principal of Kennedy Printing Company, Inc. He purchased the property, which had been the Ambassador Theatre, in 1980. I would like to point out that Kennedy Printing has been operating at that location for forty-six (46) years, which I believe is substantially longer than the Ambassador had existed as a theatre at that address.

Mr. Kennedy strongly opposes this nomination because the property, as it currently exists, has no viable use for anything other than a print shop. The historical designation would effectively render the property (and the adjacent properties which Mr. Kennedy also owns) unsaleable because a future purchaser and developer would be unable to demolish the existing structure to build housing or commercial units.

While my client and I recognize and appreciate the important and valuable work of the Historical Commission, we believe that the designation in question, if approved, would pose a serious and undue financial hardship and burden on the owner, and we request that you and the other members of the Commission vote to deny this nomination.

Letter to Executive Director Farnham

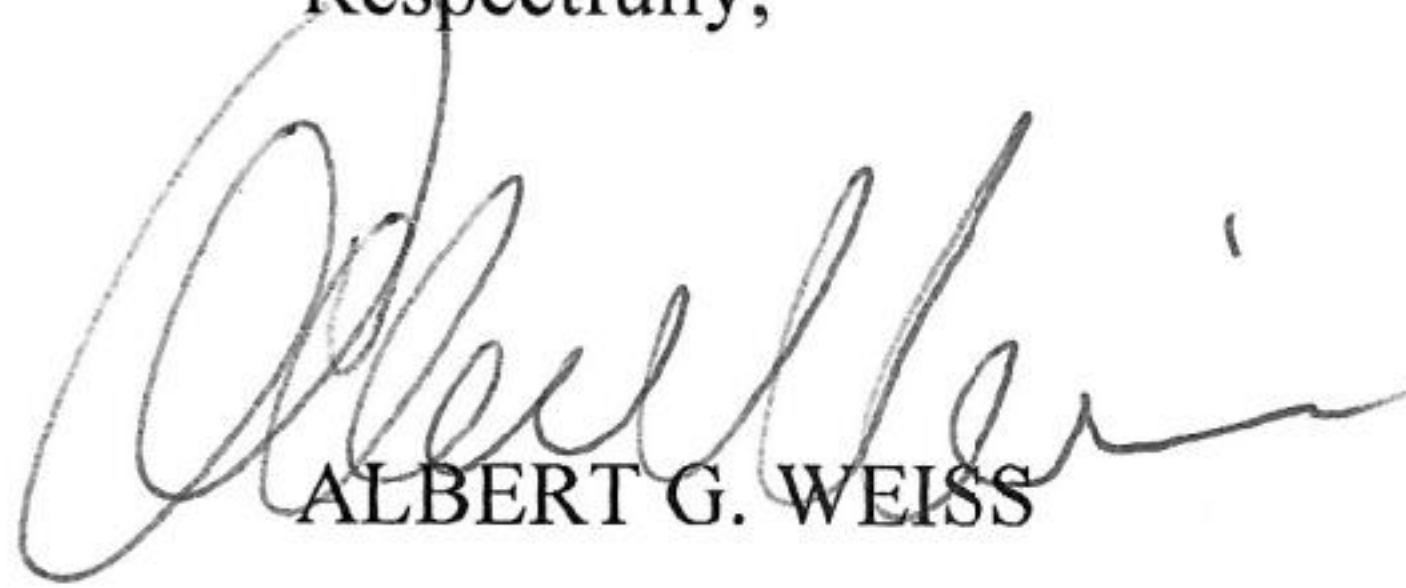
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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please feel free to contact the undersigned at your convenience. I may be reached on my cell phone at (609) 472-6741.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Albert G. Weiss".

ALBERT G. WEISS