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Mr. Robert B. Tierney, Chairperson  
Landmarks Preservation Commission  
1 Center Street 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10007

Re: Landmark Designation, Lydia Ann Bell & William J. Ahles House  
39-24 to 39-26 213<sup>th</sup> Street, Borough of Queens

Dear Chairperson Tierney:

Please accept this letter of support for the landmark designation for the Lydia Ann Bell & William J. Ahles House.

Constructed about 1873 by farmer Robert M. Bell for his daughter Lydia, it is thought to be one of the oldest homes still surviving in Bayside. It is a rare example of a Second Empire Style home that dominated the area when Bayside was a village of suburban villas and substantial farmhouses.

While some changes have occurred over the years, it still retains the cubic form and dormered mansard roof typical of the Second Empire Style as well as details like the molded cornice and hexagonal slate shingles. Let us insure through a landmark designation, that it survives for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Marshall".

Helen M. Marshall  
Queens Borough President