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City of Buffalo  
Historic Preservation Board  
901 City Hall  
Buffalo NY 14202

Re: Expanded Application for Demolition For Properties Not landmarked or in a Historic District  
Project: 303 Lafayette Ave. Demolition Permit  
Project Address: 303 Lafayette Ave, Buffalo NY 14213  
SBL No. 99.27-4-6  
Project Engineer: John Schenne, P.E.

Dear Historic Preservation Board:

Our firm represents the owner for the property at 303 Lafayette Ave in the City of Buffalo. We are writing to seek demolition approval of the existing 3 story Mixed style building for future site development. The building was originated constructed in 1900s, then addition occurred around 1920s, 1950s and 1960s. Before it's vacancy, the structural was used as a church.

We have visually inspected the structure referenced above. It is in poor condition and presents a grave hazard to surrounding buildings, street, and sidewalk passersby and emergency personal.

The following defects were noted:

1. The roof has been leaking for years. Rotted wood was observed throughout the structure.
2. The floors and stairways are rotted and unsafe in many locations. This structure is unsafe to enter for any emergency personnel and others.
3. There is widespread mold contamination throughout the structure.
4. Given the age of the building, asbestos contamination is very likely.
5. Portions of the exterior wood wall framing has rotted and failed.
6. Portions of the building's masonry walls have serious cracks, partial collapses, and missing bricks.

This building is not structurally sound, it is contaminated, and dangerous. I recommend the City of Buffalo condemn this building and issue a demolition permit. If you require additional information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

**Schenne and Associates**

By: 

**John A. Schenne, P.E.**  
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