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September 17, 2020

Sarah Carroll, Chair  
Kate Lemos McHale, Director of Research  
NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission  
One Centre Street, 9th Floor New York, NY 10007

Re: 88-28 43rd Avenue, Elmhurst, Queens

Dear Chair Carroll and Ms. Lemos McHale,

The Polish Falcons of America (PFA) has recently been made aware of the efforts of the Elmhurst History and Cemeteries Preservation Society and the Historic Districts Council among other organizations, to designate the home of Walentyna (nee Stocker) and Aleksander Janta-Pończyński as an Individual New York City Landmark, representing Polonia in Queens, New York.

Polish Falcons of America (PFA) is a non-profit, member-driven, community life insurer. PFA provides life insurance and financial services while also giving back to the people we serve by reinvesting our profits into communities. Upholding traditional Polish values by promoting financial security, active lifestyles and social well-being, PFA operates as a fraternal benefit society with over 20,000 Members nationwide.

As the President of the PFA, and in keeping with the spirit of preserving Polish history and culture in the United States, I am writing this letter to support their efforts to landmark the Janta home. After discussing this with Marialena Giampino from the Elmhurst History and Cemeteries Preservation Society, and Kelly Carroll from the Historic Districts Council, the importance of this home to the Polish diaspora in the United States was clear.

The preservation of this home and the unique cultural and historic value it contains is an effort I stand behind as it stands a symbol of Polonia in the United States after World War II, a symbol of perseverance, courage, and strength.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter of support, and I ask you to take action to preserve this special home.

With sincere gratitude,

Timothy L. Kuzma  
President  
Polish Falcons Heritage Foundation

Cc: Elmhurst History and Cemeteries Preservation Society  
Historic Districts Council