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Members of the Florida Building Commission & Accessibility Advisory Council
c/o Chip Sellers
Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

RE: 825-835 Washington Avenue – Clinton Hotel

Dear Members of the Commission and Council:

I am writing in reference to the above noted structure, and the request for an accessibility waiver. The Clinton Hotel is located at 825-835 Washington Avenue in the City of Miami Beach. It is a four (4) story, historic hotel, originally constructed in 1934 with architectural design by Charles Neilder. The hotel building contains five (5) retail bays, a small restaurant, and eighty-seven (87) hotel rooms.

This structure has been well-maintained over time has recently undergone restoration and renovation efforts. The Clinton Hotel qualifies as a historic building under the federal ADA regulations, the ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and Chapter 11 of the Florida Building Code. The requested waiver pertaining to vertical accessibility is critical to the restoration plan for the buildings. In order to accommodate vertical accessibility, substantial modifications and demolition to the tight spaces and layout of the historic structure would be required. Such interventions would irreparably harm the very significant design, style and layout of the interior configuration of the structure.

The Planning Department, on behalf of the Historic Preservation Board, strongly supports the subject waiver request. If you have any questions relative to the historic significance of the existing structures, or you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Debbie Tackett
Design & Preservation Manager