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 Historic Landmark Commission
 City of Austin
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Dear Madam Chair and Commission Members:

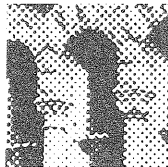
The Heritage Society of Austin understands that you will be considering requests for demolition permits for 209-211 Congress Avenue and 213 Congress Avenue. We respectfully urge you to postpone any decision on this matter until city staff conducts further research on the buildings.

The Heritage Society is gravely concerned about any proposed alterations to this most notable street in Austin and our state. To date, our organization has not taken a formal position on the demolition of the structures on this threatened block. However, we strongly urge that the demolitions not proceed until city staff has been given time to do further research on the history of the structures. We hope you agree that the most thorough care and deliberation be employed when considering an eradication of a portion of this important National Register Historic District.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and for your many hours of hard work to preserve historic Austin for future generations.

Sincerely,


 Jacqui Schraad
 Executive Director



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