



October 4, 2010

Mr. Royce Yeater, Director
Midwest Office
National Trust for Historic Preservation
53 W. Jackson, Suite 1315
Chicago, IL 60604

RE: *Landmarks Illinois Request for Funding Assistance for Former Prentice Women's Hospital Reuse Study*

Dear Mr. Yeater,

SOAR (Streeterville Organization of Active Residents) supports Landmarks Illinois' effort to conduct a reuse study for the former Prentice Women's Hospital in Chicago. Northwestern University, which owns the building, intends to demolish the building to make way for a new research and lab facility.

Prentice is one of Modernist architect Bertrand Goldberg's most famous buildings in Chicago and the country. SOAR supports a study which will provide insights into the building's viability for future university-use. This study will be shared with public officials and community residents.

Thank you for your consideration of Landmarks Illinois' request.

Sincerely,

Jill C. Heise
Executive Director

Gail Spreen
Chair of Neighbors Action Task Force

Cc: Alderman Brendan Reilly
Robert J. Christie, Northwestern Memorial Hospital
James E. Peters, Landmarks Illinois
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