

The Honorable [Elected Official's Name],

I oppose the General Services Administration's plan to demolish the Century and Consumers Buildings at 202 and 220 S. State Street in Chicago, using \$52 Million in federal funding appropriated in 2022.

These historic skyscrapers have been vacant and deteriorating since the GSA acquired them in 2005, but still have great potential for reuse. If they are demolished, they will no longer contribute to the revitalization of State Street, one of the most important commercial corridors in downtown Chicago. Moreover, demolition will have a significant environmental impact by adding a large volume of building material to our landfills.

Instead of demolishing these buildings, they should be reused so they can once again be part of the life of downtown Chicago. I ask that you work with your counterparts at the federal, state and city level to find alternatives to demolition for the Century and Consumers buildings and look for other ways to secure the Dirksen Federal Courthouse. Allowing the GSA to demolish the Century and Consumers Buildings is the wrong choice for Chicago.

Sincerely,

[Your Name Here]