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Dear Commissioners,

The Orthodox Union is the umbrella body for over 400 Orthodox synagogues in North America. Congregation Anshei Sfard, is a member of our organization, and it represents the only Orthodox synagogue in the state of Kentucky. The Orthodox Union is proud to support all efforts toward land-marking Kentucky's sole Orthodox Congregation. The sanctuaries and the structures containing them have served Louisville's Jewish community well for decades.

Throughout the United States, synagogues and churches have received landmarked status in recognition of their historical importance. The United States has ensconced the freedom of religion, as a central tenet of our country. In consideration of land-marking the designated structures, your commission will ensure the continuation of Anshei Sfard's legacy. As a landmark, the congregation can sustain and encourage the ritual and liturgical practices that have made Anshei Sfard an integral and irreplaceable part of the community.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Judah Isaacs
Director of Community Engagement
Orthodox Union

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