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Mr. Ian Wardropper  
The Frick Collection  
1 East 70th Street  
New York, NY 10021

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Dear Mr. Wardropper,

In January 2015, CIVITAS publicly stated our support for the Frick Collection's intent to expand; however, we did not support the proposed design. As stated, "we strongly recommend the Frick revisits the proposed design and presents alternative expansion plans to the community including plans that would incorporate and/or preserve the garden." CIVITAS appreciates that the Frick Collection is listening to the community's concerns and will no longer build on the Russell Page designed garden.

On October 13, 2015, CIVITAS Board Members met with representatives of Unite to Save the Frick and its consultant, Helpern Architects. The Unite to Save the Frick plan seems to take into account all of the key components expressed by the Frick Collection. Unite and Helpern Architects have come up with a thoughtful plan that would save the garden and the pavilion by building underground and on an unused mechanical yard located between the garden and the Frick Art Reference Library.

After careful consideration, CIVITAS supports Unite to Save the Frick in their efforts to provide alternative design options for expanding the Frick Collection. We encourage the Frick to be as thoughtful in their redesign plans as Unite was in their alternative design.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Emma Marconi Bologna  
Executive Director

CC. Leslie Samuels, Unite to Save the Frick