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Mr. Philip Foglia  
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Dear Mr. Foglia:

Thank you for your note regarding She Built NYC. I am thrilled that there is so much enthusiasm for a monument to honor Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini. She led a remarkable life, and her work with New York City's Italian immigrants and children set an example of compassionate leadership that resonates powerfully today.

Through the She Built process, New Yorkers submitted many inspired suggestions for statues — including Mother Cabrini of course, and also women like Emily Warren Roebling and Augusta Savage. It is clear that New Yorkers are excited to recognize more women and the many-faceted contributions they have made to our city.

With seven monuments planned so far, I am proud of the progress we are making; however, it will take many more years to correct centuries of neglect and the glaring gender and ethnic imbalance in our public spaces — we have a long way to go! We look forward to working with you and other leaders to do more in the future.

Thank you again for your message, your continued participation in She Built NYC, and for all you do on behalf of New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chirlane McCray".

Chirlane McCray

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