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To whom it may concern,

A needless act of destruction.

As large modern monuments are going to be demolished and the age of great social democracies recedes, taking with it any notion of an architecture for the public, we should ask if there is any alternative to building capital, to make a profit through the destruction of our historical and cultural heritage. The building, the construction, is a private asset, but architecture belongs to all of us.

Architecture is now a tool of capital, complicit in a purpose antithetical to its social mission. And its social mission is not only related to its function but more and foremost to its privilege to testify the cultural and artistic emancipation, even ethic, of a community.

To the Czech Republic belongs the privilege to host one of the most important modern and contemporary architectural heritage.

The Transgas Building in Prague represents an inestimable value of this modern architecture.

Yours sincerely

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