



## City of Ypsilanti

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Community and Economic Development

January 9, 2018

Michigan Historic Preservation Network  
313 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue  
Lansing, Michigan 48906  
Email: [info@mhpn.org](mailto:info@mhpn.org)

Re: Senate Bill 469 and House Bills 5117 and 5178

Dear MHPN:

I am pleased to announce the Ypsilanti Historic District Commission's support for Senate Bill 469 and House Bills 5117 and 5178 regarding the reinstatement of the Michigan Historic Preservation Tax Credit. Please see the attached resolution in support of the above mentioned bills that was unanimously passed at our December 12, 2017 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anne Stevenson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anne" and last name "Stevenson" clearly legible.

Anne Stevenson, Chair  
Ypsilanti Historic District Commission



December 12, 2017

RESOLVED BY THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI:

WHEREAS, the historic buildings, neighborhoods and places in the City of Ypsilanti provide character and a sense of place that contributes significantly to the quality of life and the economic benefits enjoyed in the community; and

WHEREAS, the preservation and rehabilitation of the historic buildings, places and neighborhoods contribute to the beauty, character, and economic vitality of our community; and,

WHEREAS, the labor-intensive nature of historic rehabilitation creates jobs and investment in local businesses and has been proven to generate more economic activity than equivalent investment in new construction; and

WHEREAS, demolition or destruction of historic buildings creates costs to Michigan and the City of Ypsilanti by destroying the embodied energy present in each structure and adding significantly to landfills, whose makeup is estimated to be more than 40 percent building materials and waste; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has measured the economic impacts of the state historic tax credit programs and seen significant positive direct impacts on neighborhood and community revitalization, affordable and market-rate housing preservation and creation, local skilled jobs creation, and

WHEREAS, the former Michigan Historic Tax Credit has leveraged \$1.46 billion in direct rehabilitation activity and created 36,000 jobs in the state from its enactment in 1999 through its elimination in 2011, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan legislature is presently considering Senate Bill 469 and House Bills 5117 and 5178 that would reinstate an up-to-25 percent investment tax credit for owners of historic residential and commercial properties who substantially rehabilitate their properties,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ypsilanti Historic District Commission endorses and supports Senate Bill 469 (and House bills 5117 and 5178) and calls upon the Michigan Legislature to pass this important legislation and Governor Snyder to sign it, in order to stimulate appropriate development and redevelopment and protect the historic character and quality of life of our communities.

OFFERED BY: Commissioner Erika Lindsay

SUPPORTED BY: Commissioner Ron Rupert

YES: 5      NO: 0      ABSENT: 2      VOTE: Unanimous.