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The Honorable Sue Shink
Michigan Senate
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Via email: sensshink@senate.michigan

RE: Please support HB 4503 and 4504 to expand the Michigan Historic Preservation Tax Credit

Dear Senator Shink:

As one of your constituents, I wanted to be sure you learned of my support for expansion of the Michigan Historic Preservation Tax Credit because you are key to having House Bills 4503 and 4504 passed!

I have been a resident of Ann Arbor for over four decades. I am very aware the city is economically healthy and appealing for residents and visitors, in part, because of the effort put into its historic districts - i.e. Old West Side, Downtown Ann Arbor, Washtenaw/Hill, Old Fourth Ward (where I live), to name a few of the best known. The commercial and residential property owners have benefitted from having the Historic Preservation Tax Credit available for their work both between 1999-2011 and now again since 2020. The credits make it possible to afford the kind of work needed to maintain Ann Arbor's historic properties.

I know it's important that the Legislature focus time, energy, and funds on the large economic development projects that will have the greatest impact. But as the new package of large-project bills is pulled together, I hope you will see the importance of providing support for smaller projects in every corner of the state. A proven option to do this is the Historic Preservation Tax Credit! Preservation work provides housing at all price-points, recycling all types of historic buildings – from schools to mills to factories. Preservation incentives help revitalize rural areas, small towns, and mid-sized communities, but also can be folded into large economic development programs in the aging cores of big cities. A preservation project provides enormous local benefits because it employs professionals, tradespeople, and suppliers who spend locally and pay local taxes.

Public Act 343 of 2020 reinstated the credit but with a \$5M annual cap, far too small to meet the demand. House Bills 4503 and 4504 will correct this by raising the annual cap to \$100M and making other changes to reach a wider constituency. Having met you a number of times, I am very aware of the support you have provided Michigan's preservation community in the past!! We are most grateful. So, again, I am writing for your support.

Sincerely,

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