



Act now to support Historic Preservation Tax Incentives
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Since the Historic Preservation Tax Incentive program was eliminated in Michigan in 2011, we have been pushing for its reinstatement. We are now close to this goal but need one final effort from YOU.

We have support in the Legislature to pass the Historic Preservation Tax Incentives in this legislative session before the end of the year. But we need to show Governor Snyder that there is support for this legislation state-wide to avoid his veto. Please take the time to write an email, a letter, or even just a post card today to support this effort. Talking points and a sample paragraph for a post card are below.

We expect this bill to be passed by the Senate **in the coming weeks** and therefore need to reach out to the governor **now** to encourage him to sign this bill into law. Do not delay.

Talking Points

- For every \$1 spent in a preservation project, \$11 is generated in the local economy.
- The federal Historic Tax Credit program contributed an estimated \$158.7million in qualified rehabilitation costs in Michigan in 2017. Having a state tax incentive program could increase this amount dramatically.
- Without a state-based tax incentive, Michigan falls behind the rest of the nation as one of only 15 states without this type of program.
- Historic resources are physical links to our past and inherent place-makers in our communities. Tax incentives promote the preservation and rehabilitation of these significant resources.
- Our historic buildings and homes are at increased risk of falling into disrepair, which can be irreversible, without a tax incentive program in place.

Send a post card today!

*Dear Governor Snyder,
Saving Michigan's historic places is an economic engine for our state. It is proven to generate \$11 for every \$1 we put into it. Do what's good for not only Michigan's economy, but also our cities, villages, and towns. Please sign Michigan's Historic Preservation Tax Credit back into law. Please support SB 469 and House Bill 5178.*

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Michigan has beautiful communities with historic buildings that should be preserved, and this credit can be utilized by everyone from small towns and villages to our biggest cities.

Questions?

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