



May 15, 2018

House Tax Policy Committee
State Capitol Building
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Committee Members:

As Treasurer of Michigan's only National Heritage Area, I am writing to express my support for reinstatement of the Historic Preservation Tax Credit. SB 469 and HB 5117 and HB 5178.

Prior to its elimination by Governor Snyder in 2011, the program had leveraged just over \$251 million in federal tax credits, led to the creation of approximately 36,000 Michigan jobs and gave incentive to \$1.46 BILLION in direct rehab expenses.

Simply put, the numbers speak for themselves – Please vote to reinstate this essential economic workhorse to protect Michigan's history.

As a strong proponent of Michigan's important automotive narrative (*and our collective history as a state*) I urge the committee members to **VOTE YES** to reinstate this important tax credit.

Once our history is razed, destroyed or demolished, there is no bringing it back. Please **VOTE YES** to help save our shared heritage for future generations.

Sincerely,

Ted O'Dell, Treasurer
MotorCities National Heritage Area

C. Committee Clerk
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