

Action Item: Ask Your Senator to Co-Sponsor Forthcoming Legislation

On April 11, Senators Saval and Farry, co-chairs of the Senate Committee on Urban Affairs & Housing, introduced [a co-sponsor memo](#) indicating their intention to introduce legislation to strengthen the PA historic preservation tax credit program. This allows other Senators to sign on as co-sponsors.

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Nikil Saval

Senate District 1
Democrat (Term Expires: 2024) serving Philadelphia (part) County.

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Below is boilerplate email language. We suggest attaching the [issue brief](#) as well.

Subject Line: Sign on to Strengthen PA's Historic Preservation Tax Credit

"Dear Senator [NAME]

I am writing to encourage you to sign Senator Saval and Farry's recent [co-sponsorship memo](#), which calls for strengthening PA's Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program. Since its inception in 2012, the credit has facilitated the rehabilitation of many irreplaceable historic structures across the Commonwealth in small towns and urban cores alike.

The legislation will increase the program's annual cap, putting Pennsylvania in a more competitive position with neighboring states. Pennsylvania's current \$5 million cap is the fourth lowest of 37 enacted state programs. A larger cap would encourage more developers to invest in and repurpose underutilized or vacant buildings in our communities.

With America's semiquincentennial rapidly approaching, promoting the reuse of our historic fabric can cement the Commonwealth's position as the keystone of American history. Changes to the program would better assist rehabilitation projects and stimulate job growth, community revitalization, and economic development.

Please support Senator Nikil Saval and Frank Farry in strengthening PA's Historic Preservation Tax Credit, an important but currently underfunded economic development tool.

Sincerely, [YOUR INFO]"