

Action Item: Ask Your Representative to Support H.B. 2358

[House Bill 2358](#), introduced by Rep. Prokopiak (D-Bucks), was passed out of the House Finance Committee on June 11. The ongoing budget negotiations could provide a vehicle to advance this through the fiscal or tax code.

Ask your state representative to support this legislation!

1. Find your representative: <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/>. On their profile, there is an email icon highlighted below:



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

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2. Use the below boilerplate email language. We suggest attaching the [issue brief](#) as well.

Subject Line: Support H.B. 2358 to Strengthen PA's Historic Preservation Tax Credit

"Dear Rep. [NAME]

I am writing to encourage you to support [House Bill 2358](#), 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 to \$20 million, 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.

The House Finance Committee passed HB 2358 on June 11. I encourage you to explore ways to include this legislative language in the current budget negotiations.



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for greater philadelphia



Please support strengthening PA's Historic Preservation Tax Credit, an important but currently underfunded economic development tool.

Sincerely, [YOUR INFO]"

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