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I am writing to express my strong support for SB227, which seeks to enhance and expand the Historic Tax Credit program to all communities. As an architect experienced in historic preservation, I have witnessed firsthand the vital role that historic tax credits play in revitalizing communities, preserving our architectural heritage, and giving a project new life.

The Historic Tax Credit program has been instrumental in making historically significant projects financially feasible, allowing property owners to rehabilitate and repurpose historic buildings that might otherwise fall into disrepair. In my experience, Historic Tax Credits supported projects that have had a transformative impact, particularly in the state of Kansas.

Enhancements to the program would further strengthen its effectiveness and extend its benefits to more communities, particularly in underserved areas. I urge you to support this legislation which provides parity in the tax credits to all communities.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to historic preservation. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and share insights from my professional experience.

Sincerely,  
Schwerdt Design Group

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Greg Schwerdt', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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President