



To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of SB 227. The Historic Tax Credit program in Kansas has a long, respected history of creating the capacity for owners of historic structures to make repairs and bring things up to code. As the owner of the historic 1888 Thatcher Building in Topeka, I can attest to the many challenges of owning a historic building, and we would not have been able to purchase and make extensive repairs to the property without the financial benefit of these credits.

My interest in preservation spanned to the Historic Jayhawk Theatre in Topeka. As members of the Kansas Historical Theatre Association, we have witnessed the use of historic tax credits in many of these projects. These old theaters retain their charm and serve as a center of community entertainment. The Jayhawk will utilize federal and state historic tax credits for the ongoing renovation. These credits are a crucial and substantial portion of our construction budget.

The continued use of these building is a vital part of the charm and history of Kansas. The cost to rehabilitate old building is a deterrence for most. The HTC program gives investors and developers the incentive to re-purpose them into lofts for housing, retail shops, lodging and tourist attractions.

I urge you to do Kansas a big favor and lend your support to this important program.

Regards,

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