



Advocacy Alert!

The Future of the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit is at Risk. Action Needed!

We need your help in support of [HB 309](#) and [SB 258](#), which reauthorize the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program. Although the hearings for the bills occurred weeks ago, the legislation is still in Committee. This is despite testimony coming from a broad coalition representing business interests, environmentalists, developers, local governments and preservationists among others.

A recent [Abell Foundation Report](#) documents the positive economic and environmental benefits of the Tax Credit and demonstrates why the passage of the bill is so crucial for Maryland.

- The State sees an \$8.53 return for every dollar invested by the state.
- The Tax Credit has facilitated the rehabilitation of 589 historic commercial buildings and 3,033 residential buildings, stimulating \$1.5 billion of private sector investment.
- Over its history, the Tax Credit is also estimated to have saved up to \$163 million dollars in infrastructure investments over new construction.

The bills are a key component of Governor O'Malley's [Smart, Green, and Growing Legislative Initiatives](#) and the most critical preservation legislation this session.

[Click here for more information on the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program.](#)

While the support for the merits of the bills has been overwhelming, there is still concern over the fiscal impact despite the findings of the Abell Report.

Your help is needed to ensure the passage of these two important pieces of legislation.

TAKE ACTION!

Contact members of the [House Ways & Means Committee](#) and the [Senate Budget & Taxation Committee](#) and urge them to pass the reauthorization of the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program.

It is especially important to contact the **Presiding Officers and Committee Chairs** to let them know how important the legislation is to your community. They are:

- [Speaker of the House Michael Busch](#)
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The 2009 session of General Assembly is winding down. Your support is critical to the reauthorization of Maryland's most effective preservation, economic development and smart growth programs.

Please respond today!

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