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Taxation Committee  
131st Maine Legislature  
100 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Grohoski, Representative Perry, and Honorable Members of the Committee on Taxation:

The Cultural Alliance of Maine is the first coordinated, statewide industry alliance advancing the visibility and capacity of Maine's diverse statewide cultural sector via collective learning, research, communications, and advocacy.

We are submitting testimony in strong support for LD 1810, which will expand the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit.

Thanks to data from Maine Preservation and Greater Portland Landmarks, we know that these tax credits make fiscal sense for Maine and create incentives that support our affordable housing and energy efficiency goals, beyond the obvious benefits to quality of place. Preserving historic buildings further enhances Maine's desirability not only as a destination for tourists and business travelers, but also for remote workers who continue to carefully consider relocation to communities that take pride in and care for their unique built environments and cultural assets. As Maine seeks to grow its workforce by 75,000 in the coming decade, it is crucial that take advantage of every opportunity to incentivize improvements to our public spaces while preserving priceless and irreplaceable testaments to our history.

Expanding the historic tax credit is a straightforward, fiscally sound opportunity to make an outsized, positive impact on Maine economically, culturally, and environmentally.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important opportunity for our state.

Sincerely,



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