

Connecticut Preservation Action

Written Testimony
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HB 6406, An Act Concerning an Expansion of the Historic Homes Tax Credit Program

Senator Hartley, Representative Perone, Senator Frantz, Representative Camillo and the distinguished members of the Commerce Committee. My name is Rachel Pattison, I'm the President of the Connecticut Preservation Action (CPA). CPA seeks bring together organizations and individuals to unite behind a common public policy agenda at local, state and national levels promoting historic preservation as environmentally and economically sustainable development that invests in communities, creates local jobs, and preserves local, cultural identity.

Thank you for allowing the Connecticut Preservation Action the opportunity to offer written testimony in support of the Homeowner Historic Tax Credit. This important financial resource allows homeowners of historic properties to renovate and preserve neighborhoods in Connecticut. During the 2014 legislative session access to these tax credits was expanded to make include greater number of households. Thresholds were reduced and a greater number of qualified municipalities were enacted. The benefit allows lower income homeowners access to repair and renovation resources encouraging maintenance and improvement projects often contributing to the community fabric. Financial feasibility is a very critical element in considering owning an historic home and the maintenance of it over the years. The Homeowner Historic Tax Credit is a unique and powerful tool for preservation throughout the State of Connecticut.

Thank you for your careful consideration to this bill.