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To the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee

**Senator John W. Fonfara**

**Representative Jeffrey J. Berger**

Regarding the proposed elimination of the **Community Investment Act**.

Dear Sirs,

Over my years of practice, I have seen the **effectiveness** of the Community Investment Act historic preservation funds that provide sorely needed construction and consulting **jobs**. It also facilitates energy **conservation** both through using the embodied energy of buildings already built and improving heating, cooling and insulation systems. Many restoration and repair projects would not be financially feasible without this source of funding. Thus, those buildings would decay further and eventually need to be demolished, leaving gaps in our towns and cities.

I believe that the **low interest rate** environment is slowly **changing**. This will add more financial pressure and will push projects out of reach for many owner. **The CIA will be an important foundation to sustain these important projects.**

Thank you for your consideration of these ideas.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Bright'.

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