

September 11, 2017

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Prince George's County District Council County Administration Building, 2nd floor 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 3070

Re: Bill Number CB-48-2017, Proposed by Council Member Deni L. Taveras: Tax Credits for Improvements to Historic Resources

Dear Chairman Davis and Members of the District Council,

The Hyattsville Preservation Association (HPA) is a 501 c(3) non-profit community group that seeks to engage residents in the preservation and promotion of historic homes and buildings in our city and beyond. We support the restoration and preservation of any structure having historic, architectural, or cultural value that is classified as a Historic Site or Historic District in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Bill Number CB-48-2017, which would extend the amortization period for the historic preservation property tax credits, could be a very helpful tool for historic property owners in their efforts to achieve maintenance, preservation or renovation goals.

HPA would like to express support for this initiative, which would make it easier for historic property owners to take advantage of these important tax credits and enhance their ability to handle the many challenges of restoring and maintaining a historic property.

Thank you for your consideration.

Shire Fela-Thompson

Yours Sincerely,

President