

12 February 2021

Delegate Stephanie M. Smith, Esq.
House Office Building
Room 316
6 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: **HB865 Historic Revitalization Tax Credit – Small Commercial Projects – Alterations**

Dear Delegate Smith:

I am writing in support of House Bill 865, Historic Revitalization Tax Credit – Small Commercial Projects – Alterations. As an architect with many non-profit and small developer clients, this program has been instrumental in providing gap funding for renovations, many in distressed neighborhoods. Moreover, while supporting quality rehabilitations, it promotes homeownership opportunities including many for first-time buyers.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James G. Shetler" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James G. Shetler, AIA
President