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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 3, 2011
To: All House Members
From: Rep. Robert L. Freeman
Re: Proposed Legislation

I intend to reintroduce House Bill 42, which I sponsored during the last legislative session. This legislation would create the Historic Preservation Incentive Act which establishes the Historic Preservation Incentive Grant Program within DCED. This program would provide grants, to the extent funds are available, to owners of eligible properties located within this Commonwealth that undertake eligible residential building improvements. The legislation also would provide for tax credits to commercial applicants for historic preservation projects.

These programs would assist many communities across the Commonwealth by providing more tools to assist municipalities in revitalizing commercial properties in downtown areas and preserving the architectural beauty of residential and commercial properties.

House Bill 42 passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 193-2 on June 24, 2009. However, the Senate failed to act on this legislation before the end of the legislative session.

If you would like to join me in cosponsoring this legislation, please contact Danielle in my office by e-mail at dbrown@pahouse.net or by telephone at 783-3815.

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