

[Please read this urgent update on Historic Tax Credits from NTHP Director of Policy Outreach, Government Relations & Policy Renee Kuhlman. Find out how you can take action now.](#)

Dear preservation colleagues,

We have heard it is unlikely that the Historic Tax Credit will be included in Ways and Means Chairman Brady's tax reform bill expected out now on **November 1**.

Good efforts have been made by our colleagues with Ways and Means members in their states but it looks like the Chairman is holding firm in his plan to release a bill that mirrors the instructions laid out by the "Group of Six" two weeks ago to only include the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit and the R&D tax credit.

We've also learned that Chairman Brady aims to get the tax reform bill to the floor for a full House vote on **November 6, basically giving House members three days to amend**.

Moreover, last week's passage of a Senate budget created a path for the Senate to pass a tax reform bill with only a simple majority of 51 votes.

Urgent action is needed from the preservation community.

Below are actions I hope you and your organization will take immediately:

1. [Write and call your legislators](#) and ask that they keep the Historic Tax Credit as they reform our nation's tax code. Encourage board members and your community members to also [Take Action](#) and make their views known.
2. Ask city councils in your city and state to [pass resolutions calling on](#) Congress to keep this economic development tool in our toolbox and [get media](#) for your local leaders for doing so.

3. Invite district staff to [tour your historic districts](#) and [deliver the national sign-on letter](#) signed by hundreds of organizations along with the [state map of projects](#).
4. [Join a special November 2 webinar](#) at 2:00 p.m. eastern with WDC-based lobbyists for reactions to the expected tax reform bill from Chairman Brady.
5. Gain media for the threat to the HTC that calls on your specific legislators to take action. Ask that they ensure the HTC remains in a reformed tax code by getting in either the House or the Senate tax reform bill.
6. Share this update with your members, boards, and colleagues including:
  - Architects
  - Bankers and lenders
  - Business owners
  - Chambers of Commerce
  - Contractors
  - Commercial Realtors
  - Developers
  - Historic Preservation Commissions
  - Main Streets
  - Mayors
  - Property owners
  - Historical societies
  - Neighborhood associations
  - Preservation groups
  - State legislators and officials

Anyone who cares about reusing historic buildings to revitalize their community should be contacting Congress and urging them to ensure the HTC is in either the House or the Senate tax reform bill.

To help you and your organization take action:

- a. Attached is an **Advocacy Toolkit** that offers specific suggestions and resources to make taking action easier. Feel free to share and forward.
- b. Need to get caught up? [Hear a refresher on the HTC](#) from WDC lobbyists who spoke on the last webinar.
- c. Those legislators that signed on to co-sponsor the Historic Tax Credit Improvement Act should logically also want to retain the program. To see if your legislator co-sponsored either the House bill or Senate bill, you can look them up here: <https://www.congress.gov/> But remember, the request to your Members of Congress is **to please include the HTC in the tax reform bills.**

I'll be on a conference call to answer any questions you may have today (**Wednesday, October 25**) between 4:45-5:30 p.m. eastern Phone: [1-877-273-4202](tel:1-877-273-4202); 258-328-114# **about needed advocacy or you can be in touch via e-mail.**

Time is of the essence. Thank you for acting quickly and speaking up for the Historic Tax Credit!

Best, Renee

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## Historic Tax Credit Advocacy Toolkit

A resource for advocating for the continuation of the Historic Tax Credit



National Trust for  
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*Save the past. Enrich the future.*



*Courtesy of the Tennessee Theatre*

The Tennessee Theatre in Knoxville, Tenn., which originally opened in 1928, was restored with the help of the historic tax credit beginning in 2003.