



June 8, 2010

The Honorable Russ Carnahan  
United States House of Representatives  
1710 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Carnahan:

The members of the International Downtown Association (IDA) are proponents of vital urban cores. An important component is maintaining and rehabilitating historic buildings. On behalf of our membership I commend you for your work in championing HB 3670, the Historic Homeowners Revitalization Act of 2009. The trend of people moving into downtown areas is a strong and positive one which will only be enhanced by this legislation.

IDA's members in Missouri have shared how useful the tax credits have been in their own communities in encouraging reinvestment and maintaining the strength of cities, as well as in creating jobs which is especially important in our current environment. We feel it is critical to provide this same avenue for support for states throughout the country.

IDA is pleased to endorse HB 3670 and lend our voices to your effort to provide homeowners access to the same kind of tax credits currently available to commercial developers. The bill will create jobs and strengthen downtowns, two goals we enthusiastically support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kit Cramer'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kit Cramer  
President