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As a practicing preservation professional who works in multiple states across the country, but was raised and currently works in Oregon, it's disheartening to see that our state has one of the worst records when it comes to protecting our historic built resources and providing designers, architects, landscape architects, and building professionals the ability to use the wide array of tools that are available in other states and could be available here to complete work that is sustainable and can help mitigate some aspects of our affordable housing shortage.

In particular, tax credits and direct grant programs allow us the ability to adaptively reuse historic buildings which often require additional financial resources to do so. Not only is this a smart way to add another layer of solutions that address issues related to our changing climate by reducing the need to build new and mine and harvest new materials, it will also allow for more existing building stock to be adapted to meet our critical housing needs. There are so many opportunities for both, but only if economic tools like these are explored so that they can be implemented in a way that meets our state's current needs.