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Thank you for considering a bill of this sort. Around the world where I've lived I've found that I am drawn to towns and cities that have character. By character I mean what is seen through the uniqueness of older buildings which give variety to the town/city. Unique buildings full of character and history encourage tourism. They draw people and carve a memory of the place in their minds because the setting is unique and interesting.

The older buildings usually have ornamentation that the modern, big boxes with sharp corners lack in their design. In our beautiful state, such decorated and well-used buildings have been saved by the McMenemy brothers. They are an excellent example of keeping the local historical significance through restoration and re-use of older buildings. Their historical buildings give new life and keep the local history alive for all to learn and enjoy. Their preservation allows the public to have the chance to admire the construction quality of bygone days as well as be reminded of important moments in the town/city's existence.

Please pass this bill giving an incentive for businesses to give back to the town/city in an affordable way.