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Assemblymember Matt Haney  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 5740  
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**Re: AB 1265 (Haney), Historic Building Rehabilitation Tax Credit – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Haney,

Humboldt Bay was the key to getting supplies onto the gold mines in the 1850's. Later it became apparent that gold was not considered as valuable in the Redwoods. The area became a vast logging area, and those wealthy gentlemen build extravagant homes such as the Carson Mansion which is considered the most photographed house in America next to the White House.

Since our area was discovered by the settlers in the 1850's, we have many commercial and residential structures from those early days known as the Settlement Era. As the years passed, our area continued to build the new styles being built in the Bay Area. Due to our area being economically depressed, Eureka and Arcata continued to live and work in the older buildings. Eureka is considered to have the most intact architecture of anywhere in the U.S. Something that benefits us all and one reason the Historic Tax Credits are so important to us to maintain the historic integrity of our communities.

An aside, the 1906 earthquake, San Francisco was rebuilt of Redwood from the Northern Counties including Humboldt.

Thank you for continuing the Historic Tax Credits.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alexandra Stillman".

Alexandra Stillman  
Mayor  
City of Arcata