



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CORMAN CHAMPIONED BILL FOR GREATER REVITALIZATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sen. Jake Corman (R-Benner Township) has leveraged his leadership in support of Pennsylvania communities which will lead to greater revitalization opportunities. Sen. Corman championed bipartisan HB 645, which was signed into law last December. Act 100 of 2018 doubles the cap on tax credits that propel revitalization — from \$18 million to \$36 million.

Pennsylvania's Neighborhood Assistance Program provides sustainable support for revitalization in underserved neighborhoods. At its heart are public-private partnerships wherein Pennsylvania businesses and corporations can contribute directly to local nonprofits focused on community revitalization. Entrepreneurial training for startup business owners, eliminating blighted sites, developing new commercial buildings and filling vacant storefronts are among the impacts realized because of NAP-coordinated private investment. To date, 136 projects across the Commonwealth have been supported by the NAP.

The NAP tax credit cap increase will have enormous impact on many more communities where Pennsylvanians live and work. These are neighborhoods where private money — previously left on the table because of a cap that hadn't been increased in nearly 50 years — can now be strategically invested. The resulting transformative outcomes will allow even more Pennsylvania communities to look their best — from the inside and the outside. We greatly appreciate Sen. Corman's leadership on this issue.

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