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The Honorable Rob Bishop  
123 Cannon House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Bishop,

As I walk the halls of the Maryland State House, I am reminded daily of the momentous events that have shaped the history of my state and our nation. Our State House is the oldest continuously operating state capitol building in the United States and houses the Old Senate Chamber where George Washington resigned his commission. The Maryland State Historic Preservation Office, in partnership with the Department of General Services, recently completed a meticulous restoration of that chamber. The result is an impressive space that transports visitors to December 23, 1783 and an educational experience that creates a lasting impression in a way that history books simply cannot. This is a great example of the power of historic preservation.

The Historic Preservation Fund provides critical funding for efforts such as ours nationwide. With that in mind, I want to thank you for scheduling the February 11th hearing on H.R. 2817, the National Historic Preservation Amendments Act of 2015, and for expressing your support for the bill. Reauthorization and extension of the Fund until 2025 will support states and tribes as they carry out the work of the national historic preservation program and would provide certainty for states and communities with historic preservation projects.

H.R. 2817 has strong bi-partisan support. I am hopeful that the Resources Committee can take action on the bill soon. Again, thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Hogan".

Larry Hogan  
Governor