Phone advocacy: Pennsylvania's HB 1682

Hello, my name is ______________________. I’m from ________________________ and I’m calling to encourage Senator ____________________ to support HB 1682, Pennsylvania’s land bank bill.

HB 1682 would authorize local land banks in Pennsylvania. Land banks help communities get blighted, tax-foreclosed and vacant land back into productive re-use, and make that process quickly, efficiently and effectively.

Land banks would help towns reuse vacant properties, which has a number of benefits:

- **It would create new jobs, new homes and businesses.** A 2010 study found that efficient and predictable land recycling would generate 800 jobs, $30 million in earnings and $1.9 million in new tax revenues in Philadelphia alone.

- **It would reduce the local maintenance burden.** The City of Philadelphia spends $20 million each year just to maintain vacant properties.

- **It would restore lost home equity.** Property owners in Philadelphia alone have lost $2.6 billion in household wealth due to blight.

HB 1682 would update antiquated laws on property reuse, and that’s something communities across Pennsylvania would benefit from. This bill would reduce government red tape and help thousands of properties become homes once again.

Please support this much needed new tool by advocating for passage of HB 1682 this fall.

Thank you.