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Oregon House of Representatives

## **Re: Support for HB2072**

Dear Representatives,

I am writing to urge you to support and vote for HB2072. I am a women who owns a business in Oregon that is directly affected by film incentive programs in our state. Each year a very limited number of productions can utilize our vast talent pool and resources. We regularly receive calls from productions that would love to bring their millions of dollars to Oregon but cannot due to the limits on the current incentive. Instead they take their jobs to Canada, NM, LA, GA, or someplace else with an incentive program with higher caps.

This year, Talented Animals was honored by the American Humane Association by being awarded Best Animal Ensemble for our work the feature film "Wild." Last year, Talented Animals provided animals to many productions and poured nearly \$100K into the Oregon economy, virtually all of it from the film industry.

As part of our community outreach we spend many hours presenting to local schools, charities, humane societies and camps. Our programs educate children and our community about the wonderful animals in our state and around the world. We discuss the human-animal bond. We teach them about how films and TV shows are made and how the animals are trained.

Please pass HB2072 and grow film production in Oregon. Good for the film industry; good for those of us who work in and around the film industry, and good for all Oregonians who will benefit from the dollars that flow into the state!

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Warmest regards,

Lauren Henry