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Dear Legislators,

This is so late! My apologies - we're surprisingly busy for a March.


I own and operate simon max hill casting, a small business in Oregon with 3 full time employees that employs and helps to employ dozens of actors, models and assistants each year.

Our castings are diverse, employing people from all walks of life - this winter, we auditioned commercial fishermen all up and down the Oregon, and right now we're reaching out to art students in Portland. We touch all corners, nooks and crannies of the state in our searches for authentic performances.

We are 10% home-grown in Oregon, starting here in 2001 after graduation from college and thanks to the growth of the incentive program, *we have never needed to leave the state to thrive*. In the last 20 years, we've grown from a single part time employee with a folding table to a full time operation capable of casting multiple movies and TV shows at once.

One of our employees just got engaged. Another is discussing buying a house. As the owner, I live in an apartment, take a modest wage, and put company profits back into the company for business development. Our trajectory has been always upwards, however slowly, and I'm committed to staying in Oregon as long as the state has work. With the expansion of our film incentive, you can help keep our work in-state and allow us to grow our families and homes (and my business!)

thanks,


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