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Senate Finance and Revenue

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Dear Senate Finance and Revenue Committee,

I'm writing to urge you to **vote YES on SB43** pertaining to labor rebates and tax credits for media production.

I've been a director of photography in the film industry for over a decade now and the one thing that remains consistent with my budgets is I get more when there's a tax incentive involved. That means I rent better/more equipment locally and I hire more/better people locally. I've worked on multiple features, commercials, & corporate projects ranging from talking heads to partial animation.

The more incentives there, the more successful I can become. I like to stay busy and I don't like free time. Whenever there is less and less incentive for a producer to fund a project, then we're all left sitting on our hands. Incentives are what drive my industry and my community of filmmakers.

Most of the bigger, more personally important projects I work on take a long time to produce. The months (sometimes years) up until you walk onto set can be the most work. If funding all of sudden stops before I walk on set or before, then I don't have a job. I'm only as good as my team, but if there isn't enough money/incentives to pay for them, then I'm dead in the water like most other cinematographers.

Please **vote YES on SB43** to extend these critical programs for our local production industry. It supports my livelihood.

Regards,

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