

Senate Finance and Revenue
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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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'm a queer, Latinx filmmaker and have been making narrative films more formally since 2015. I also own a small video production business that focuses on community-minded organizations like government and non-profits. The films and videos I create tends to focus on the underrepresented in both of these areas of my work.

While I have not personally taken advantage of the incentives, as an indie filmmaker, I directly benefit from the wide range of talent that has been developing over the years from the much larger productions that choose to work and film here. Koerner Camera recently donated the use of an amazing cinema camera on my upcoming short that will premiere at Portland International Film Festival in March about the lives of Black Portlanders during the shut down. We had an all BIPOC crew, some of whom have been trained on larger productions. These things improve the quality of production and help ensure the story is well told.

And I also hope to make my first feature this year about a Latinx single mother of two connecting with her ancestors to follow her dreams and run for office. These are both stories about Oregonians striving for something better that are important to be seen and without an industry that benefits from the incentives program, it would be much more difficult to do so. Even as someone coming up as minority in this industry who has in some ways, been outside of it, I am dependent on the success of the larger local media community.

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

Regards,

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