

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 working in Oregon's film industry for over a decade, the last 10 years of which have been as a member of the International Cinematographers Guild, IATSE Local 600. During my time, I've enjoyed the benefits of a robust and thriving film industry. I've been able to purchase a home, and thanks to the good, long term jobs provided through the tax incentive programs, I have had a viable career with a living wage, health insurance, and a good pension plan. I've witnessed as many coworkers have enjoyed the same, including people of color, who have been able to make a stable and viable career for themselves.

I've worked on several long-term projects in Oregon, including NBC's "Grimm", Portlandia, and other series for various streaming services including Netflix and Hulu. These long term projects are essential to boosting our economy and building viable careers and long term economic prosperity for the workers involved. We must do everything we can to continue these programs and to attract large, long term productions. Too often, we've watched as productions have run away to Canada, producing shows set in Portland, with American dollars. We must do everything we can to keep productions in our beautiful state.

Many of the dollars spent on film production have a direct and measurable effect on our economy- from the goods and services that productions need, to the tourism related to highlighting our wonderful state, to the dollars spent that are earned by the many skilled tradespeople involved in the production of films and television shows.

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

Regards,

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