

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 have been working as a union actor in Portland since 2015. I was able to pay off the remainder of my student loans with the first union commercial job I worked on. Not only that, but the ad agency hired a local studio to produce, which gave jobs to an entire team of union talent and creatives.

I have since worked on almost every TV and film production that has come through town, from 'Grimm' to 'Portlandia' . I cannot express how important these productions have been. They hire local crew and talent. The feeling of camaraderie and pride walking onto these sets and shaking hands with the first Assistant Director, the Camera Operator, and cast and extras who are not only local constituents getting to work on their dreams together with me, but also my friends....is indescribable. I am so proud and grateful to those who have worked so hard to bring film to Oregon.

What I want to stress here is not only the amount of work these productions bring to our state, but the amount of national attention and love generated. People love these shows. People love these films. It can't be helped, the more people SEE Oregon, the more they want to visit. They want to drink our coffee and cocktails, they want to see what the food is like, they want to visit Powells, hike our mountains and visit our parks. They want to see what all the hype is about.

So with that, I encourage you to please, Please **vote YES on SB43** to extend these critical programs for our local production industry. It supports my livelihood.

Regards,

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Actor
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