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The Honorable Ginny Burdick
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The Honorable Nancy Nathanson
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The Honorable Brian Boquist
Vice-Chair, Jt. Tax Expenditure Comm.
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The Honorable Khanh Pham
Vice-Chair, Jt. Tax Expenditure Comm.
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Subject: Senate Bill 43 - Support

Dear Senators Burdick and Boquist and Representatives Nathanson and Pham:

I am writing to support Senate Bill 43, which extends the sunset for production incentives for film, television, and streaming productions in Oregon.

The Oregon incentive programs - the Greenlight Oregon Rebate Program and the tax credit program – have successfully drawn production to the state, including the Warner Bros. Television production of “Shrill,” which spent its three seasons there. In the last season alone, we hired almost 1,000 Oregonians and spent more than \$11 million on local payroll and vendors. The program works as intended and has helped grow the industry in the state.

Specifically, the extension of the sunset date is important to our industry as it provides consistency and predictability in the program as we budget for productions in the future. I urge that you approve it in committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Walbrecht

cc: George Granger, ATT
Melissa Patack, Motion Picture Association