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Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures
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Dear Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures,

I'm writing to urge you to **vote YES on HB 3244 and SB43**. HB3244 expands the Oregon Production Incentive Fund (OPIF) from $14 million to $20 million. SB43 extends both the Oregon Production Investment Fund and the Greenlight Oregon Labor Rebate programs for six more years. These bills are critical to keeping our state competitive for film, TV, commercials, and other digital media.

I've worked as a Director of Photography and in the camera department for the last 15 years in Oregon. I am a member of the IATSE Local 600 Camera Guild union. So many of the projects I have had the pleasure to work on over the years were products of incentive money provided by the state. Everyone from Verizon, Warner Bros, NBC/ Universal, Netflix, Hulu, TBS and a line of independently produced movies. I am able to own a home and have a family in the Portland area because of the incentives you provide.

I've seen many state entertainment industries fail because of the lack of interest in support from their governing bodies. Oreogn has a unique benefit of a diverse landscape and being a close neighbor to California and Hollywood. If we can make it even more enticing for productions to select the state for filming (as Montana has done recently), we can not only ensure a wide variety of well paid jobs for years to come, but add a direct impact to the hospitality, service, transportation, and retail industries.

Oregon has a long history of defining itself as a backdrop for stories told through cinema. Through that we have enticed tourism and growth. Please help us not only continue that legacy, but to help it grow.

Please **vote YES on HB 3244 and SB43** to expand and extend these critical programs for our local production industry. It supports my livelihood.

Regards,

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