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House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity
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Dear House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity,

I'm writing to urge you to **vote YES on HB 3010** pertaining to diversity, equity, and inclusion in incentivized Oregon media productions. It's important that the commitment to Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion be reflected in Oregon's policymaking.

As an actor, I've worked in films, corporate videos and plays. All projects require diversity, equity, and inclusion. Such collaborations educate, harmonize, uplift and heal societies, as well as fiscally benefit marginalized communities by increasing employment opportunities throughout the state. Stimulating the economy through Oregon media productions boosts businesses large and small. Production needs reach well beyond actors, from advertising to retail outlets that support costuming, to hotels that house crews, to lumber and construction companies needed for set design, to local food carts and restaurants needed to service talent and crews alike.

Please **vote YES on HB 3010** to encourage diversity, equity, and inclusion in our local production industry. I look forward to witnessing the change that comes about when this bill passes!

Regards,

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