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On Behalf Of: IATSE local 488
Committee: House Committee On Economic Development, Small
Business, and Trade
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3329

Dear Legislators,

I have worked in the film and television industry for 25 years, before that I worked in local Theaters. My work has relied greatly on the incentive program and without these funds, the work goes out of state or to Canada, where either the incentive is better or the dollar goes farther. More often than not, the work goes where the \$ goes farther.

I own a home because of the film and television industry. I have health insurance because of this work that I am blessed to be in. I spend almost all of my money in Clackamas and Multnomah county. When productions come to Oregon, they bring the \$ with them, spending it here on great paying jobs, local merchants, car rentals, hotels, food and so on. This industry supports multitudes of small, local businesses. Please, know that without the incentive funds my livelihood and possibly my home and health would be in jeopardy. My husband is also in the film and television industry: two born and raised Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and support,
Ellen Lepinski