

Councilor Jamie Dunphy City of Portland, Oregon

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Chair Daniel Nguyen House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

RE: Support for HB 3329

Dear Chair Nguyen and members of the committee,

I write to you in support of HB 3329 and urge you to expand the Oregon Production Investment Fund in support of Oregon's incredible film industry.

The film industry has played a pivotal role in Portland's economic success in the past few decades, driving economic growth, investment, and tourism to our region. We look great on screen, and filmmakers love to film in Oregon. Portland's universal film permit program, and our Office of Film and Events staff have made Portland one of the easiest cities in the nation to film. But we lack the financial incentive tools to meaningfully attract film productions on our own. We need a robust State tax credit program.

This expansion of the tax credit program will still leave us woefully behind cities like Atlanta or Vancouver BC but will meaningfully incentivize the right kind of filmmaker to bring their productions to Oregon.

This new Portland City Council is eager to support the film industry in meaningful ways to help bring that vibrancy and activation back to our city. A modest expansion of this tax credit program will demonstrate that Oregon is still a place worth investing in. And Portland will do our part to make sure those filmmakers are welcomed and excited to return. I urge your support of HB 3329 and I'm available for any follow-up.

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