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My name is Chris Ritter (they/them) and I'm a queer neurodivergent filmmaker based out of Eugene. I've worked in this industry for about 2 years in nearly every department; from shorts to feature length films and commercial work as well as reality TV.

I support HB3329 because the majority of filmmakers are required to have jobs outside the filmmaking industry in order to bring our creative endeavors into fruition. Despite these economic challenges and shoestring budgets, our community continues to create meaningful work from unique perspectives. These self-funded productions pump money into the local economy via food purchases, transportation, and set and prop building. Increasing funding for filmmakers would help alleviate the economic pressures that prevent creative voices from flourishing. Our labor is meaningful and our voices matter.

Increasing funding for filmmakers would help attract larger productions into our state. Their presence would pump money into the local economy. HB3329 is a win for filmmakers, small businesses, and the community.