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Subject: Support for HB3329 - Increase in Oregon Production Investment Fund (OPIF)

Dear Committee Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Warren Beer, and I am writing to express my strong support for HB3329, which proposes an increase in the Oregon Production Investment Fund (OPIF).

As a member of the Lane County Film Studios, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact that the Oregon media production industry has had on both my professional and personal life. The increase in OPIF would provide significant benefits that extend beyond the production studios and into the broader community.

In my role as a Production Assistant, I have directly benefited from the growth and opportunities created by the media production industry. This industry has not only provided me with increased experience, but it has also fostered a vibrant community of creatives and professionals. The increase in media production has led to greater collaboration, innovation, and economic growth in our state.

Increasing the OPIF can personally impact a Production Assistant like me with:

- **Increased Job Opportunities:** With more funding available, there are likely to be more film and media projects being greenlit in Oregon. This means more opportunities for you to get hired and gain experience in various productions.
- **Career Growth:** The increase in media production can lead to a more vibrant and competitive industry, providing you with more opportunities to learn, grow, and advance your career. You might find yourself working on larger or higher-profile projects.
- **Networking:** More production means more people working in the industry. This gives you a chance to connect with a wider range of professionals, including directors, producers, and other crew members, which could lead to more job offers and collaborations in the future.
- **Skill Development:** With an increase in projects, you'll have the chance to diversify your skills by working on different types of productions. Each project can

provide unique challenges and learning opportunities, helping you to become a more well-rounded and experienced production assistant.

- **Economic Benefits:** A thriving media production industry can have a positive ripple effect on the local economy. This means better infrastructure, more support services, and potentially even increased wages as the demand for skilled professionals rises.
- **Personal Fulfillment:** Being part of a growing and dynamic industry can be incredibly rewarding. Seeing the direct impact of your work on successful productions and knowing that you contribute to the state's cultural and economic growth can bring a strong sense of accomplishment and pride.

My experience as a Production Assistant has been transformative, and I am confident that further investment in OPIF will continue to provide similar opportunities for others in our community.

In conclusion, I urge you to support HB3329 and the proposed increase in the Oregon Production Investment Fund. This investment is crucial for the continued growth and success of our state's media production industry, which in turn benefits countless individuals and businesses.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Warren K. Beer