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Hello, my name is Matt Gromley, I have been working in the Portland Film/TV Industry for nearly 15 years. I've been really fortunate to work on some great projects in that time. Projects that showcased and emphasized the beauty and wonder of Oregon, and were created by some of the most talented filmmakers anywhere.

Portland has been fortunate to provide a home to many great productions in that time, most recently giving a home to the upcoming TV show, Criminal. Criminal was filming for months, all through summer and into fall, providing steady, union jobs to so many. The movie "Out Come The Wolves" also filmed here. Portland isn't alone though. La Grande and Astoria have both been home to feature films. The incentive program is helping provide jobs throughout the state. I won't exhaust you with a list of every commercial, music video, short film, etc that has also benefited from the program and the opportunities it has opened up for people.

The incentives can help keep Oregon competitive and attract more productions to call Oregon home. When the OPIF program has been increased in the past, more work has followed through. I don't write in today simply for myself, but for my friends, neighbors, colleagues and mentors, for the local businesses providing the equipment required to make these stories, and all the people who make Oregon a wonderful place to work and raise my family. I want to see more stories told here, and more union work to be provided.

We have a lot to be proud of. There are a lot of stories that have yet to be told. I hope you approve raising the incentives so those stories can be told here, those union jobs can be created here, and so many families can be provided for.

Thank you for your time