

To the House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legislation to increase Oregon's film tax incentives by \$8 million. As a member of the film industry, I have witnessed firsthand how film and television productions can inject millions into the local economy, supporting not only industry workers but also a wide range of local businesses. Expanding the Oregon Production Investment Fund will help sustain and grow this vital sector, creating jobs, fostering local businesses, and further cementing Oregon's reputation as a premier destination for film and media production.

I started working in film in Oregon when I was 19, (almost 15 years ago) and I have seen many ups and downs in the industry. But the challenges since COVID have been particularly tough. The industry has struggled to regain its footing, with many film crew workers making wages below the poverty line and numerous professionals leaving the state in search of work. The reality is that we are in competition with other states to attract film productions, and without stronger incentives, Oregon risks losing its talented workforce and economic opportunities to more competitive regions. Without meaningful intervention, it will be difficult for Oregon's film community to recover and thrive again. The challenges faced by industry professionals have only intensified, making it even more crucial to take decisive action now.

I urge you and your colleagues to support this crucial legislation. By increasing the film tax incentive, Oregon will continue to attract high-profile productions, stimulate economic growth, and support a thriving creative workforce. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to seeing continued investment in our state's dynamic film and television industry.

Sincerely,
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